

Grace Notes



2019

The month of November provides more opportunities for Christians to give thanks to God for the lives of His people throughout the ages. Here are three important dates to highlight from the Church Year.

On November 9, the Church commemorates Martin Chemnitz, pastor and confessor. After Martin Luther, Martin Chemnitz (1522-1586) is considered as the most important theologian and pastor in the history of the Lutheran Church. After Luther's death in 1546, Chemnitz did everything that he could to unite the Lutherans in true Scriptural doctrine. In the 1560s and 1570s, he wrote the four volume *Examination of the Council of Trent*, a Lutheran response to the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church. Most notably, Chemnitz was the principal author of the Formula of Concord in 1577, a document that settled various doctrinal disputes that had arisen among Lutherans. The Formula of Concord was included in *The Book of Concord* as one of the documents to which Lutheran pastors and Lutheran congregations subscribe because it is in agreement with God's Word. On November 9, read Romans 10:9-17 concerning the Christian faith that leads to confession and give thanks to God from Martin Chemnitz.

On November 29, the Church commemorates Noah. Noah was the son of Lamech who received the LORD's Word to build an ark in which He would save Noah and his family from the worldwide flood He was about to send. Noah, the herald of righteousness (2 Peter 2:5), faithfully followed God's Word in building the ark, even as he faithfully proclaimed God's Word to the people around him. Tragically, no one else believed the Word of God preached by Noah, and they all were drowned in the flood. Yet the LORD was faithful to Noah and his family and the animals on the ark; He spared them through the flood. After He dried the waters from the earth and commanded Noah and his family to exit the ark, the LORD made His covenant

with Noah that He would never again destroy the earth by a flood. Still today, the LORD's sign of the rainbow is a reminder to us of His promise that He is our Savior. On November 29, read the account of Noah in Genesis 6-9 and give thanks not only for the faithfulness of this Christian, but especially for the faithfulness of the one true God.

On November 30, the Church celebrates the feast day of St. Andrew, Apostle. Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was originally a disciple of John the Baptizer. He later became the first of Jesus' disciples due to the Baptizer's preaching (John 1:35-40). Andrew shows up several times in the Gospels bringing people to Jesus: his own brother (John 1:41-42), the boy with the five loaves and two fish (John 6:9), and some Greeks at the Passover (John 12:22). His name regularly appears near the top of the lists of the apostles in the Gospels. According to tradition, Andrew was martyred by crucifixion on a cross shaped like an X. On November 30, read John 1:35-42, give thanks to God for His apostle, Andrew, and think about a person in your own life you can bring to Jesus.

This month also includes the notable celebration of All Saints' Day (November 1), which we will celebrate at Grace on the Sunday immediately after (November 3). Please also remember to take a look at pp.x-xiii in *Lutheran Service Book* to find more saints to remember during the Church Year. As you do so, spend time reading God's Word concerning these faithful Christians. I pray that the Lord richly blesses you through the accounts and examples of these faithful men and women, saints whom He has forgiven by His blood.

In Christ,
Pastor Appel

November 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Pastor Away- Family Day	2 
3 8:45am Bible Class 10am Worship/Communion	4 7pm Elders  Elders Meeting	5	6 10am GLLC Chapel Midweek Schedule	7 6pm LWML 	8 Pastor Away- Family Day	9
10 8:45am Bible Class 10am Worship/Communion 6:30pm Youth Group	11 5pm-Piecemakers 7pm-LLL  LLL	12 9am Pastor Circuit Mtg	13 10am GLLC Chapel Midweek Schedule	14 11am-Bible Study	15 Pastor Away- Family Day NOON- GLLC Thanksgiving Dinner	16
17 8:45am Bible Class 10am Worship/Communion 3pm Nursing Home Devotions	18 6pm GLLC Mtg	19	20 10am GLLC Chapel 1pm Ministerial Alliance Midweek Schedule	21 11am-Bible Study	22 Pastor Away- Family Day	23
24 8:45am Bible Class 10am Worship/Communion 11am Brd of Ed 6:30pm Youth Group	25 8am Braille NEWSLETTER DEADLINE/NOON  DEADLINE: Newsletter Articles **NOTE THE EARLY DEADLINE THIS MONTH****	26	27 10am GLLC Chapel 7pm-Thanksgiving Eve Service	28 Office Closed  Thanksgiving DAY	29 MID WEEK SCHEDULE 6:00p Mid Week Meal 6:30p Mid Week Bible Class – All ages	30

Grace Lutheran Church

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Sunday School 8:45 AM
Midweek Classes 8:45 AM
Worship Service 10:00 AM

Elder(s): Brad Zimmerhanzel
Jack Page
Organist(s): June Parker
Esther Wolff (Sub)
Kim Appel (Sub)
Ushers: Vince Kaiser
MW Kasper
Trustees: Allan Hancock
Johnnie Kalina
Nov. Altar Guild:
Mary Lou Oliver
Marilyn Burns

Acolytes:

Nov. 3 Marianna Peres & Thomas Brown
Nov. 10 Juniper Smith & Baylor Watson
Nov. 17 Adrian Wolff & Jacob Moore
Nov. 24 Joshua Zimmerhanzel & Storm Gorton
Nov. 27 Thomas Brown & David Wolff



Pre-School/	Mary Lou Oliver/
Kindergarten	Wendy Rohde
1 st /2 nd Grades	Charles Johannessen
3 rd /5 th Grades	Gene Brown
6 th /8 th Grades	June Parker
Adult Classes	Pastor Appel

Grace Lutheran Learning Center

401 Wilkes Street
Smithville, TX 78957
Office Phone: 512-360-2800
Fax Number: 512-237-5990

Email address: gracelutheranlearn@att.net

We now accept CCMS enrollment

Please feel free to put old or unused toys in our box located in the Narthex

STILL IN NEED OF SUBTITUTE TEACHERS



Please contact Barb Johannessen at 512-284-0199 if you are interested in this position

Pastor Timothy Appel

If you need to contact him, his email address is: timothyappel@gmail.com and his home phone number is 512-237-9664, or contact our Office at 512-237-2108. If you are not able to reach either number and it is an emergency, contact your Elder. (Elders list on bulletin board by the Office)

CHURCH OFFICE

Normal hours are 9 to 2 Mon. – Fri. If you need any help from the office i.e., copying documents, record information, info to be put in the bulletin and/or newsletter, etc., please feel free to stop by, call, etc. We are there to provide you with whatever you need from the church office. You may also leave a note in the Secretary's box in the Narthex, and we will get back with you as soon as possible. Please let us know if you have any questions or suggestions.



Passengers for Church Van

Benny Hajdik - 979-540-8437 is driving the Church Van for Sunday School and Church Services. If you need transportation, please call by 5:00 pm on Saturday. You may leave a message if no one answers.

MIDWEEK AND CONFIRMATION TEACHERS

Pre-school - K	Kim Appel
1st – 3rd grade	Tim & Esther Wolff
4th - 6th grade	Kristin Appel (June Parker-sub)
7th - 8th grade	Pastor Appel
Adult Class	Ed Randle

May God bless you and keep you always in His tender, loving care



In the Hospital

If you are admitted to the hospital, I would like to visit you in order to share God's Word and share a prayer with you in that difficult time. As you are able please let the church office know or ask the hospital to call the church office so that I can best minister to you.
Pastor Appel



Nov. 15	Katie & Jaysen Swartz
Nov. 17	Debbie & Tommy Higgins
Nov. 27	Vicki & Robert Vinklarek



Nov. 3	Jocelyn Bienek
Nov. 4	Debbie Hampton
	Chuck Stem
Nov. 5	Philip Appel
	Cheryl Moore
Nov. 8	Olivia Larkin
	Phillip Hellman
Nov. 9	Rose Pietsch
Nov. 12	Mary Ann Duty
Nov. 15	Marilyn Burns
Nov. 19	William Miller
Nov. 21	Kellye Geigenmiller
Nov. 24	Kaylee Wolff
Nov. 28	Alex Caldwell



As of October 24, 2019

Name	Balance
Prosperity Checking Acct	63,228.79
CEF-General	2,415.17
CEF-Land/Youth	12,154.45
CEF Scholarship	12,304.30
CEF Property Loan	133,189.04
Legacy Deo	11,449.34
Total Dedicated Funds	31,189.04
General Fund Balance	31,352.89

Wishing these Friends a Happy Birthday! from your "Grace" family

If your birthday or anniversary does not appear correctly, please contact the church office so we can correct our files. Thank you.

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There is a plastic container in the Narthex for collection of **used bulletins & white printed papers** to be recycled at the Smithville Recycling facility. If there are any questions please ask Katie or John Stelling for info



We meet at noon in the Parish hall. We have a lite meal. All our welcome to join us for a spirited game of train. If you don't know how to play--not a problem. We will help. We play for the fellowship and don't play for points



PIECEMAKERS

We meet each month to tie quilts for Lutheran World Relief. We meet the 4th Monday in the Sunday School building alley entrance. We usually work until about 7. All are welcome. Join us as you are able
Our next session is November 11th at 5pm.



Braille volunteers meet the 4th Monday of each month @ 8am. We carpool to Immanuel Lutheran Church in Giddings to assemble braille bible study books.
Toni Ann Kadlecek



Once again we are grateful for the outpouring of support. We appreciate all the donors and shoppers.

Our volunteers are hard at work every week. We just finished our last week and I appreciate everyone who gave of their time and talents. It takes each of us doing our part

We have the last open week October 28 to November 2. Consider dropping in to help. I will be the coordinator on Friday November 1. If you have time to volunteer it will be appreciated. Talk with us and you will be amazed how busy and hectic a Friday can be. Folks start gathering before 8. By the time we open the doors at 9 it is a rush to get in. It is non stop until about noon when we have a chance to catch our breath.

We will be scheduled again for the week of December 9 to 13

Reminder. We will be closed Thanksgiving week and two weeks at Christmas.

The dates for the upcoming new year will be:
February 3 to 8

March 16 to 21



GLLC Learning Center

WORK AT GLLC

Grace Lutheran Learning Center is hiring part-time workers for the afternoon shift. Applicants should be available to work between 12:30-6:00 PM, must have a high school diploma or equivalent, and be willing to submit to a background check. If you love working with kids and sharing the love of Jesus, this is the job for you! Please contact our director, **Angel Hurst**, at [512-360-2800](tel:512-360-2800) to receive an application



Here is another weekday opportunity for you to gather with fellow Christians here at Grace and study God's Word! Pastor Appel is leading a Bible study on the Small Catechism from 11 AM-Noon every Thursday morning in the parish hall. Come and refresh your memory on everything you learned as a youth during confirmation classes. Bring your Bible and your Small Catechism; if you don't have either one of those items, please let Pastor know and he'll be glad to get you one! If you have any questions, please see Pastor Appel.

Pastor Appel Hosts Radio Bible Study



Pastor Appel is now the host of the radio Bible study, *Sharper Iron*. This program airs every weekday morning from 8:00-9:00 AM on KFUO, a Lutheran radio station out of St. Louis, MO. You can listen live on your computer

or laptop by going to www.kfu.org, or on your tablet or smartphone by downloading the KFUO app. If you miss the show in the morning, you can also listen to archived programs on the KFUO website. Please consider making use of this Bible study as a way to strengthen your Christian faith during the week!



ALL invited to lunch/game day THURSDAYS at NOON
In the Parish Hall

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The staff at Towers Nursing Home was very appreciative of our congregation's recent donation of toiletries for their residents. The Evangelism Committee is continuing to encourage the members of our congregation to donate various toiletries (shampoo, body wash, lotion, toothpaste, etc.) to the residents at Towers. You can place them in the designated box in the narthex. Thank you for showing this love to our neighbors at Towers!



**Board of Education
Sunday School
Midweek News**

Dear Members of Grace Lutheran Church,

REMEMBER!!!! The FIRST Sunday of every month is Sunday School Mission Sunday. Our Sunday School Mission for this quarter is UT Campus Ministry. Please remember to give generously the first Sunday of every month to help support this great cause.

A most of you already know the Board of Ed is preparing for the Christmas Play, we received feedback from 5 families regarding our letter we sent out. We have decided to have the Christmas Play on December 22 at 9:00 AM. This will be the Sunday before Christmas and will take place during the Sunday School hour. We look forward to this new adventure and hope that all of you will come enjoy the hard work of our youth to tell you the story of the birth of baby Jesus. Thank you everyone who took the time to respond to the letter, all input is always appreciated.

The new Sunday School material and though it is different we are enjoying the new lessons and the children seem to be more involved in the lessons.

CHALLENGE!!!!

We would like to Thank everyone who continues to participate in the weekly challenge and encourage each of you to continue to participate weekly by answering the question in the back of the bulletin. We as a board feel it is important to educate each other on what Christ did for us and continues to do for us. If there is anything you would like to see done differently, we are always open to suggestion.

May God Bless all of you.

Respectfully,

Barb Johannessen



Christmas Party

LWML/LLL Christmas Party

Mark your calendar for December 5th for the annual LWML/LLL Christmas party. More details to follow in bulletins and flyers. Plan to come!



Two Germany Trip Opportunities in 2020

In 2020, the city of Oberammergau, Germany, will be holding its world-renowned Passion Play that happens only every ten years. Two central Texas pastors are leading tours in 2020 that will include not only this Passion Play, but also a variety of Luther sites. Pastor Obersat of Ebenezer, Manheim, is leading a tour in May 2020, and Pastor Barz of Crown of Life, San Antonio, is leading a tour in July 2020. Information concerning both of these tours is available in the narthex for anyone who is interested.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service

Our congregation gathers on **Wednesday, November 27 at 7 PM** to give thanks to God for all that He has done and continues to do through His Son Jesus Christ. As a part of our service that evening, it is our congregation's custom to receive donations for the Smithville Food Pantry and to bring a loaf of bread to exchange with another family at the service (see instructions later in the newsletter). Donations of non-perishable food items to the Smithville Food Pantry may be brought to church all month long through Thanksgiving Eve. Please make this worship service a part of your family's yearly Thanksgiving traditions!



Festival of Lights Parade

This year's Festival of Lights in Smithville is **Saturday, December 7**. The Evangelism Committee is putting together a parade float that will feature a live nativity. We are looking for participants willing either to dress up as one of the Biblical characters or ride the float and sing Christmas hymns. If you are interested, contact Pastor Appel or John and Brenda Anderson.



LWML

Lutheran Women *in Mission*

UPCOMING:

Nov. 7th

6pm-LWML Business Meeting

We welcome you to join us in “Serving the Lord with Gladness.” Please contact any LWML member or Sharon Reinberg at 512-923-8222 to learn more or go to www.lwml.org or www.lwmltxdist.org to read about the mission and great history of LWML.

Nov. Meeting Agenda:

Host: Millie and Mary Lou

Bible Study: Kristin

Election of Officers

Our Mission Projects:

-Tropical Storm Imelda Fund- giving \$150

Donations to the large Mite Box in the Narthex are joyfully accepted.

LWML TEXAS DISTRICT GRANT BULLETIN BYTES:

Navigating Life and Faith-LINC Austin (\$10,000)

The mission grant will help LINC Austin Outreach develop a faith-based Life-Skills program to help individuals experiencing homelessness prepare for housing and provide support as they transition into housing. The program will provide a new and healthy community group and mentors trained by LINC Austin.

National Mission Grant Bulletin Bytes:

God’s Grace for this Generation- LAMP Ministry Inc. (\$100,000)

LAMP Ministry Inc. has ministered for nearly 50 years in northern Canada where many villages are reachable only by aircraft or seasonal roads. Currently, nearly one million Indigenous people live in these isolated areas with about half of them under the age of 14. The most alarming statistic is that over 15 percent of children and youth will actually take their own lives out of despair and hopelessness. When LAMP goes into these communities with VBS, Bible studies, and personal witnessing, these communities will have access to Christian education for faith in Christ. In order to fulfill their mission of sharing the gospel in the next few years, LAMP will need to expand their staff of full-time missionary pilots to four or five. LAMP will need to recruit and train 100 to 200 more volunteer missionaries committed to serve at least five years. This grant will provide the funds to help LAMP reach their goal.



The Widow’s Mite --- And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. And he called his disciples to him and said to them, “Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.” Mark 12:42-44 ESV



Faith Lutheran High School of Central Texas seeks to engage young adults in a Christ-centered environment where faith and knowledge grow as one.

HOME OF THE FALCONS!

Junior High Game Night

FLHS will be hosting a game night for 7th to 11th grade students on Friday, November 15 from 7:00 pm until 10:00 pm at Faith Lutheran High School. We will have lots of food, fun, and fellowship! Please join us!

End of Year Giving

In Proverbs 2:6, God's Word promises: "The LORD gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding." Faith Lutheran High School exists to instill Christ's wisdom in His Word to prepare faithful leaders for tomorrow. Thank you for being a part of this mission through your prayers and financial support. Please prayerfully consider how you can give to further Lutheran education in our area. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Mrs. Nikki Kueck at (979) 242-2889.

Accreditation Survey

FLHS is currently working through the NLSA re-Accreditation process. As part of this process, we are conducting a survey from all supporters to evaluate how we are doing, and in what areas we could continue to grow. We would appreciate your participation in the survey. It can be found on our website, Facebook page, at the link below, or a paper copy is available in the church office. Thank you for your feedback as FLHS continues to grow our ministry!

(<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KV5SHNT>)

* This survey will only be available for a few more weeks! Thank you for your participation!

Wish List

FLHS has created a wish list on Amazon, containing ongoing needs. The easiest way to get to it is by clicking on the link on either the FLHS Facebook page or website. Thank you for your generous support!

Shadow Days

Shadow days are a great opportunity for prospective students to follow us for a day and experience what FLHS is all about. Parents, call us today to set up a shadow day for your child.

Thrivent Action Team Grants

If you are a Thrivent member willing to submit an application for a \$250 grant to be used on projects at Faith, please contact us. Help us to be able to take advantage of these funds for the good of our school.

Scholarship Program

Have you ever had this thought? "Faith Lutheran High School sounds great, but my family can't afford it." We firmly believe that EVERY family desiring a Christ-centered education for their children should have the opportunity to attend FLHS. We have a Tuition Scholarship Program with funds available. We utilize TADS to disburse these scholarship funds, and EVERY family who applies receives some assistance. We'll do everything in our power to make sure that money isn't the reason you don't choose FLHS. **In today's increasingly hostile, non-Christian society, you can't afford to NOT send your child to FLHS!**

Share the Gift of Love

Faith Lutheran High School has a unique role in combining knowledge and God's love in a student's high school experience. We are partnering with families at the intersection of education and faith development. If you would like to support our ministry through a one-time or enduring gift, Thrivent Action Grant or volunteer your time and talents, please contact Mrs. Nikki Kueck.

Free Wednesday mornings?

Join us for our weekly Chapel Worship Service every Wednesday, beginning at 10:30 am

2019-20 Midweek Dates

The following Wednesdays are the dates for our midweek classes this year. Our regular midweek schedule consists of a light meal at 6:00 PM, followed by classes for all ages from 6:30-7:30. Dates marked with an asterisk (*) occur during Advent and Lent, when we have midweek worship services at 7 PM. During these two seasons of the Church Year, midweek classes will begin at 5:30 PM and end at 6:15 PM so that parents and children still have the opportunity to eat at the soup suppers before services.

Sharon Reinberg will once again be coordinating and cooking midweek meals. Contributions are needed to assist with the cost; please designate your offering toward midweek meals and bring it to the office during the week or place it in the plate on Sunday morning. Please plan to participate in our midweek classes this year; it is an excellent opportunity for all of us to grow together in a deeper understanding and appreciation of our Christian faith.



October 30, 2019		*December 4, 2019	
November 6, 2019		*December 11, 2019	
November 13, 2019		*December 18, 2019	
November 20, 2019			
January 8, 2020	February 5, 2020	*March 4, 2020	April 15, 2020
January 15, 2020	February 12, 2020	*March 11, 2020	April 22, 2020
January 22, 2020	February 19, 2020	*March 25, 2020	April 29, 2020
January 29, 2020	*February 26, 2020	*April 1, 2020	



Advent Midweek & Christmas Schedule

Wednesday Dec. 4, 2019	Classes 5:30-6:15 Soup Supper 6:00-6:45 A - Fo Advent Worship 7:00 pm	Host.
Wednesday Dec. 11, 2019	Classes 5:30-6:15 Soup Supper 6:00-6:45 Fr – P Advent Worship 7:00 pm GLLC Children's Christmas Program	Host:
Wednesday Dec. 18, 2019	Classes 5:30-6:15 Soup Supper 6:00-6:45 R-Z Advent Worship 7:00 pm	Host:
Sunday Dec. 22, 2019	9:00 am Children's Christmas Program (Parish Hall) 10:00 am Divine Service (Sanctuary)	
Tuesday Dec. 24, 2019	7:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service of Scripture and Carols	
Wednesday Dec. 25, 2019	9:00 am The Nativity of Our Lord Festival Worship with Holy Communion	

Advent Midweek Offerings

During our Advent midweek services, our offerings will go to support important ministries both close to home and all around the world. This year, the offerings from the services on December 4 and December 18 will be split between Faith Lutheran High School in Central Texas and Pastor Askins' missionary service in Asia. The offering from the service on December 11, which includes our Learning Center's Christmas program, will go to support ministry of GLLC. Please prayerfully consider how you can give to help the spread of the Gospel through these outreach opportunities.

Read Through the Bible in 2019

Grace Lutheran Church, Smithville, TX

"God's Word is our great heritage and shall be ours forever!" Continue your daily Bible reading during 2019. God's blessings for you in His Word abound! (Note: On days listed as "OFF," consider re-reading something from earlier in the week or making up a day that you might have missed.)

Readings for the Month of November

November 1	Mark 9:14-50	Jeremiah 48-49
November 2	Mark 10:1-31	Jeremiah 50-51
November 3	Proverbs 25	Psalms 119:121-160
November 4	OFF	
November 5	Mark 10:32-52	Jeremiah 52
November 6	Mark 11	Lamentations 1-3
November 7	Mark 12	Lamentations 4-5
November 8	Mark 13:1-31	Ezekiel 1-5
November 9	Mark 13:32-37	Ezekiel 6-9
November 10	Proverbs 26	Psalms 119:161-176; Psalms 120-122
November 11	OFF	
November 12	Mark 14:1-42	Ezekiel 10-12
November 13	Mark 14:43-72	Ezekiel 13-15
November 14	Mark 15	Ezekiel 16-17
November 15	Mark 16	Ezekiel 18-20
November 16	II John	Ezekiel 21-23
November 17	Proverbs 27	Psalms 123-128
November 18	OFF	
November 19	III John	Ezekiel 24-27
November 20	Hebrews 1-2	Ezekiel 28-31
November 21	Hebrews 3-4:13	Ezekiel 32-34
November 22	Hebrews 4:14-6:20	Ezekiel 35-38
November 23	Hebrews 7	Ezekiel 39-41
November 24	Proverbs 28	Psalms 129-132
November 25	OFF	
November 26	Hebrews 8-9	Ezekiel 42-44
November 27	Hebrews 10:1-18	Ezekiel 45-48
November 28	Hebrews 10:19-39	Daniel 1-3
November 29	Hebrews 11	Daniel 4-6
November 30	Hebrews 12	Daniel 7-9

The Askins in Asia

A Legacy of Lutheran Literature for Asia

As part of my ongoing responsibilities in the Asia region, I support the projects of the Asia region. I create project descriptions and project pages for the international website. I try to get people interested and excited about supporting the Church's work.

On the surface, it does not sound very exciting. Who would be excited about writing copy for something called "Theological Education — Literature"?

What does not appear very exciting on the surface often teems with life underneath it. Below the surface of the ocean one sees the glorious fish and coral, scary sharks and massive whales—so also with Theological Education — Literature.

Consider what this short three-word title describes: It describes the work of the Rev. Dr. James Das. (I'm working on a longer article about his work to be published soon.) He just finished translating the Book of Concord into Malayalam, a language that almost a third of the people of the India Evangelical Lutheran Church (IELC) speak. Soon, these pastors and laity will read the Book of Concord in their own language — for the first time.

This project also supports the translation of hymnals into multiple languages. Deaconess Sandra Rhein has already helped translate the *Lutheran Service Book* into two languages. Now she is helping translate the *LSB* into Indonesian and Mandarin Chinese. They have made incredible progress. The China Evangelical Lutheran Church (CELC) in Taiwan has already published an initial translation of Divine Service setting one and a selection of hymns; CELC congregations can now start learning the liturgy and hymnody of the church while they await the rest of the hymnal.

While, on the surface, Theological Education — Literature does not look all that exciting, underneath, an explosion of excitement and action take place. I have the utterly delightful opportunity to write about and promote this work of the LCMS.

Take a look for yourself. Visit the website to see what else is going on in the literature projects of Asia:

<https://international.lcms.org/a-legacy-of-lutheran-literature-for-asia/>

New Season

— by Eliza Askins

In many places September marks a new season of the year. The air cools, trees begin to change color, and students settle into school routines.

In Taiwan, fall means rainy season comes to an end, but it is still hot. Instead of changing tree colors, the fruits at the market change. And our children have also settled into school life again. They have even begun daily Chinese classes.

The changes have been subtle and were easily made. The lack of rain gives more time to enjoy the green grass in the courtyard and playing with friends and siblings. It has also brought the opportunity for new friends from the area and mission field to join in the play.

The sounds of September have been joyous and playful. We missed mango season, but we are enjoying the citrus fruits of this season. It's a blessing to have fresh fruits and vegetables so readily available to our growing and often hungry children. When you play hard and study hard, you need solid meals.

And the studies have continued; the children finished last year's curriculum and started the new year. Through the many books, doors have been opened and adventures embarked upon. We are enjoying some shared class time for literature and science with another family in the building.

Chinese has resumed with a new teacher. All the children are eager to attend class and learn more.

Thank you for your continued prayers as we continue with the normal of daily life even as the seasons change.

✠ *Soli Deo Gloria* ✠

To support the LCMS through the work of Rev. Roy S. Askins, you may send a tax-deductible gift to:

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
P.O. Box 66861
St. Louis, MO 63166-6861

Make checks payable to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod or LCMS. Include "Askins-Hong Kong" in the memo line. Gifts can also be given securely online through the LCMS website at www.lcms.org/givenow/askins. To give a gift over the phone, please call 1-888-930-4438.

Contact us at roy.askins@lcmsintl.org.

For Your Prayers

In your prayers, please keep these things in mind:

- For Eliza as she carries another child
- In thanksgiving for a wonderful workgroup meeting
- In thanksgiving for everyone who has already donated to support the work of creating and translating Theological Literature in the Asia region
- For the ongoing work of translating theological literature for the benefit of pastors and churches in Asia
- For the Askins children as they embark upon a new school year

Thank You

To all of you who are supporting us in so many and various ways, thank you.

For your prayers, thank you. For your financial support, thank you. For your notes and thoughts, thank you.

—The Askins

A Page of Pictures

Enjoy these pictures from the last month. For more, visit our website: askinsinasia.com.



Annie gets to hold a bird that belongs to one of our local friends.



The children are feeding the fish at one of the local restaurants during the workgroup dinner.



Speaking of activity under the surface, here's a close up of the fish.



This month, the Asia region hosted its annual workgroup meeting. We enjoyed fellowship and learning together.



Cornelia is a scooter-ride junkie.

SHARING OF THE BREAD

Prayer &
Thanksgiving



During our Thanksgiving Eve Service this year we will bring our LOAVES OF BREAD to share with one another. This bread will be used in connection with THANKING GOD for His many blessings and PRAYING for the family who shares it with you.

EXPLANATION OF HOW IT WORKS

1. BAKE A LOAF OF BREAD (Homemade or frozen-dough).
2. WRITE YOUR NAME IN THE 2 BLANKS ON THE INSTRUCTION SHEET AND PLACE IT IN A BAGGIE, THEN PLACE ON TOP OF THE BREAD. Put both in a plastic bag with your name showing.
3. BRING YOUR BREAD to our Thanksgiving Eve Service and place it on one of the provided tables by the front pews. (This is also the evening we bring food for the needy that will be placed near the altar area.)
4. During the service, Pastor will ASK GOD TO BLESS our bread and those who prepared it along with those who received it.
5. At the end of the service, you will be ushered out from the side aisles and will walk around to the front past the tables. PICK UP A LOAF to take home.

Note: Volunteer families will be called upon to bring two loaves to help cover visitors & those who forget. You will be given extra instruction sheets and two families will be praying for your family. Extra loaves will be sent along to the needy families.

GOD BLESS OUR EFFORTS AND OUR PRAYERS

Fold or cut

INSTRUCTION SHEET

(PLACE THIS IN A BAGGIE, THEN ATTACH THIS TO YOUR BREAD)



This LOAF OF BREAD comes to you with love from _____ As a symbol of the sharing from our table to yours at this time of Thanksgiving.

On Thanksgiving Day, before the meal and with everyone standing in a circle or sitting at the table, the bread is passed around for each person to break off a small piece and mention something for which they are thankful.

A designated person can then read the following prayer or pray something similar. Everyone should eat their morsel of bread at the same time (either before or after the prayer).

Father in heaven, You sent your Son, Jesus, to be our living BREAD OF LIFE, so we could live forever. You continue to provide our DAILY BREAD along with all our needs. We are most thankful for your loving kindness.

Bless us, Lord, as we share this Thanksgiving Meal. We also ask you to bless the _____ family, who shares this BREAD in love with us today. Thank you for all your blessings. Help us to be a blessing to others. Give Thanks

We pray in Jesus' Name. Amen.