

Graceline

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Pastor David's Message



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The Poppy

I believe everyone should wear a poppy. It reminds us and others that this is a visual pledge, that we are never to forget all those who sacrificed and served to make this country free. The poppy campaign is important, not only does it help people to receive poppies, but it helps to raise funds to support the legion and their work, including helping our veterans and their families. The poppy symbol was inspired by the poem, "In Flanders Fields."

In Flanders Fields

by Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae - May 3, 1915

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
 Between the crosses, row on row,
 That mark our place; and in the sky
 The larks, still bravely singing, fly
 Scarce heard amid the guns below.
 We are the Dead. Short days ago
 We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
 Loved and were loved, and now we lie
 In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
 To you from failing hands we throw
 The torch; be yours to hold it high.
 If ye break faith with us who die
 We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
 In Flanders fields.

(As published in Punch Magazine, December 8, 1915)

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In 1921, Madame Anna Guerin of France was inspired by this poem and made poppies from fabric and sold them to raise funds to rebuild regions of France that were affected by the first world war. From there it caught on to other regions in the world. May we wear the poppy to remember, that War is always a heavy price to pay and that we are always ones that should find a possible path to peace. I think of the lives lost in the past and how those who lost their lives never got to enjoy what we at times take for granted. I think of the conflicts the world faces now and those displaced like our Ukrainian families that are with us. It grieves our hearts and God's. I feel that generations need to remember, when we remember it gives me hope that war can be averted. In times like these we need to turn to the Lord for guidance and help.

"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble." Psalm 46.1 NIV

In Christ, Pastor David



Youth Event- Remembrance Day
Poppy Distribution
Please contact Pastor David
Wunderlich **ASAP** by text or phone:
250.317.6502

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, December 8th -

14th Annual

Christmas Joy

Concert

Grace Lutheran Church

7:00PM

Invite your friends!

Grace News



We have enjoyed a lovely Autumn with warm weather and beautiful tree colours. We ended October with Martin Luther and now move into November with remembering the Saints and our fallen heroes from the World wars and the battles that our world is currently dealing with. November is certainly a time to reflect upon the people we have lost and the year that has quickly past and the advent of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. What can we do in November to prepare for Advent? Our Grace Lutheran 14th Annual Christmas Joy Concert will be held on Friday, December 1st. If you would like to participate by singing, playing an instrument, reading a Christmas poem, etc., please contact Miriam in the Church office at 250.769.5685. Grace Choir is practicing on Thursdays at 7:00PM and we look forward to hearing anthems from Grace Choir on the 2nd & 4th Sundays. Deni invites everyone who has been thinking about joining choir to finally make the move to come out on Thursday nights at 7:00PM. You won't be disappointed because of all the health, social & spiritual benefits you will receive from singing with the choir. Take a moment to read the following article to discover these benefits: <https://www.healthline.com/health/benefits-of-singing>. Thank you to Full of Grace who has continued to provide a monthly Call to Worship and who are also leading the hymns on Sundays in the 11:00AM service. Full of Grace has been asked to continue providing their music ministry at Brookhaven Care Home, so we will fill in there whenever there are openings. On Wednesday, October 25th, a Full of Grace trio, (Miriam Keith, Linda Lutz & Deni Skutshek, along with Ellie Schindel on piano, and Brent Keith giving a short message), gave a mini concert with Bible readings and prayers to a very enthusiastic audience. We are very blessed to have this music ministry in our church. It is awesome to hear and see more people in the church during the week and on Sundays. **We are looking for help in the following areas: Sound Booth, Greeters, Communion Assistance, Readers, Choir.** If there is an area

where you would like to help out in the church or in the worship services, please contact the pastor or the office and let us know what you would like to do. If you are still undecided about coming out for Sunday worship, please consider it, we miss seeing you!

Grace Choir resumes on Thursdays at 7:00PM but if you are interested in joining in the Fall, or if you have any questions call Deni Skutshek 250.801.9098 or the church office 250.769.5685.

Full of Grace is the singing group leading the 11:00AM worship hymns and who perform an anthem in the 11:00AM service once a month. We could use a bass singer so if you love singing and can sing the bass-line, please contact Miriam in the office at 250.769.5685.

Men's Breakfast November 18th at 8:30AM in the Fellowship Hall.

Online Services We continue to record one Sunday worship service each week, and our sound booth team makes it ready for viewing on Sunday afternoon. Here is a quick link to Vimeo so that you may watch it in the afternoon: [Grace Videos on Vimeo](#). Otherwise, you may view the Sunday worship service at our church website: www.gracelutherankelowna.com by clicking on the Videos tab. This will drop down and you can choose what service you would like to view.

Worship Service Videos – Some of you have been wondering what has happened to the older videos on Vimeo and why they are presently offline. This request is from the Pastors and is not a technical issue. In the future, some of the videos will be archived and others will be put back online. All recent videos and all **Celebration of Life** videos are still available to be viewed online. Go to the **Videos Tab**, then drop right down to the bottom and click on **Special Services**. Are you celebrating a milestone birthday or anniversary and would like to share your happy day in a picture that we could include in our monthly newsletter, please send it to info@gracelutherankelowna.com with a brief description of the momentous occasion.

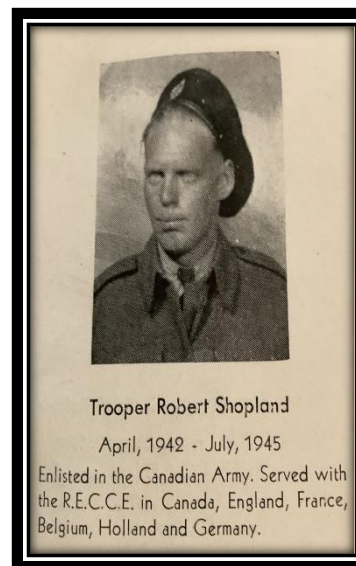
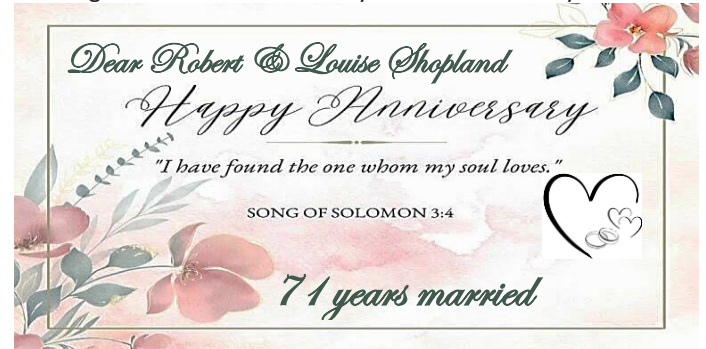
Ukrainian Humanitarian Mission Fund UPDATE

The Ukrainian Humanitarian Mission Fund committee would like to announce that another Christian family from Ukraine (in addition to the Holiks who just arrived 3 weeks ago), has arrived in West Kelowna could use some help. On Sunday the Vinkov family worshipped with us. Denis Vinkov and his wife Anna Fursa and daughter Juliana arrived in Canda 6 weeks ago. The father has a job in construction 4 days a week but is looking for additional work on Fridays and Saturdays), while his wife studies English and daughter attends Mount Boucherie secondary school. They could use a dresser, wardrobe cabinet, clothes dryer, freezer, computer desk large sauce pan, coffee grinder, kitchen towels adult bike, mixing bowls (large and small), empty canning jars with lids, sofa cover lamps, embroidery and sewing material a shelf for the bathroom, and cat toys. If you can help with any of these please contact Jack Spielman: espielman@shaw.ca or 778 215 0839.

Robert Shopland is Celebrating 103rd Birthday & 71st Anniversary



Man of God, WWII veteran, husband, father, brother, uncle, grandfather, great-grandfather & great-great-grandfather, & friend, Robert is celebrating another monumental birthday this November 5th. Robert & Louise are also celebrating their 71st Anniversary the same day, so we wish them all of God's richest blessings for their wonderful day and an awesome year!





COMPASSION CORNER

Pray for everyone in our church family who mourns including the Fenson, Rodacker and Giggs families. Remember the Hamilton family and all families affected by the wildfires in your prayers. Pray for those in need of prayer

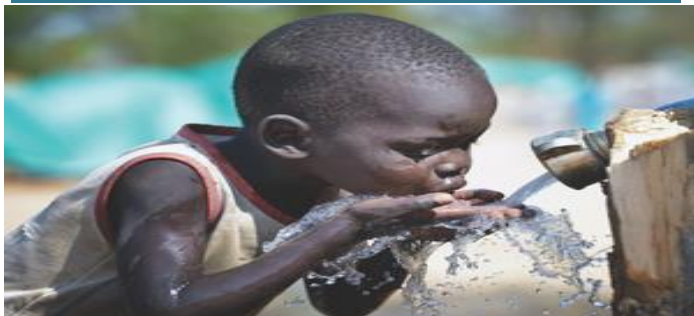
after surgery including Ursula Sommerfeld. Pray for those at home, including Louise Shopland, Nedra Schuler, Gerald Schuler, Penny Pfahl, Jim Szabo, Emily Hughes (Deni Skutshek's mother), Fran Schmidt, Joan Ulmer, Coco Heebner, Brenda Heise, Pia Scott, Robert Shopland, Helene Hack, Lorraine Wentland and Ferne Sather. *When I said, "My foot is slipping," your unfailing love, LORD, supported me. When anxiety was great within me, your consolation brought me joy. Psalm 94:18-19*



Help for the Hamilton's

We have had many people ask how they can make a gift to the Hamilton family, who lost their home in West Kelowna to the wildfire. The church cannot make a donation to a church member, as it will be taxable in their hands, so the best alternative is for each person who wants to give to make a cash gift in an envelope addressed to the Hamilton's and then place it in the collection plate. We will collect gifts through the month of November and will present them to the Hamilton's when we see them. Note, Grace Church is not able to give a tax receipt to those who give this gift to the Hamilton's.

Clean Drinking Water for an Entire Community



This Christmas, Grace Lutheran Church will be supporting **Canadian Lutheran World Relief - Community Clean Drinking Water Project**. For \$2,000.00, a well will be built in a refugee settlement to provide the life-giving water they need. We will be collecting money from November 5th until December 17th. - Please write on your envelope: CLWR - Clean Drinking Water Project - All money collected will be put towards purchasing a well or two.

In Loving Memory



Laferne Rodacker

December 5, 1939 – September 30, 2023

Laferne Rodacker, resident of West Kelowna, B.C. passed away on Saturday, September 30, 2023, at age 83. Laferne was born on a farm in Eaglesham, Alberta, on December 5, 1939. She moved with her family to Grande Prairie in 1944, where her father worked for the Dept. of Highways. Laferne graduated from Grande Prairie High School (with honors), and then from McTavish Business College in Edmonton (also with honors). After moving back to Grande Prairie, she worked in the office at the Dept. of Highways. In 1960, she married Wayne Rodacker, and after raising three boys, moved back into the business world, managing the office at Steel Industries LTD. Laferne was a very happy and talented person, whether it was looking after her grandkids, or using one of her many musical talents (singing, playing or directing). Laferne will be sadly missed by her husband of 63 years, Wayne Rodacker; her 3 sons, Wade (Heather), Mark (Janet), and Reed (Nicole); grandchildren, Tayler, Mckayla, Spencer, Kirsten, Tayvis, Jasmine, and Dustin; great-grandchildren, Kinley, Nash, Owen, Jordan, Gwen, Lillian, and Mason. She was predeceased by her parents, Stuart and Lola Ditch; as well as siblings, Dorman Ditch and Faye Innes. The family would like to extend a special thank you to the staff at Brookhaven Care Centre in West Kelowna. A Memorial Service for Laferne was held in Grande Prairie, AB.

- LEST WE FORGET -

There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends.

- JOHN 15:13



Congregational Life

Christian Education

Sundays - Sunday School – 10:15AM. Please meet Marilyn in the Quiet Room.

Mondays - Bible Study at 7:00PM via ZOOM. Email Jim for an invitation at: jhwstatham@shaw.ca

Tuesdays – Grief Course led by Randy Benson 1:30-3:00PM

Wednesdays - Ladies Bible Study at 9:30AM. **ALPHA Course** from 6:00-8:00PM includes supper.

Thursdays - Choir practice at 7:00PM. Choir will sing an anthem at the 2nd & 4th Sunday service at 11:00AM.

Grace Dine & Chat

Are you interested in meeting more people from Grace Lutheran Church and enjoying Christian fellowship and good food? Grace singles & couples are invited out after church on the 3rd Sunday of each month for lunch and discussion at one of our local restaurants. Contact Karen Arend at: arendek@shaw.ca.



GRACE COFFEE SOCIAL

People of Grace are encouraged and welcome to join us in the Fellowship Hall on the 2nd & 4th Sundays between 10:10-10:50AM for coffee, a snack and fellowship with other Grace members. Since COVID we have not been able to have our coffee hour after church and there are a lot of new faces at Grace. We need to reach out and meet with one another. We chose this time slot in order for people from both services to attend. If you would like to help out with the coffee, minimal setup and cleanup is involved, so please contact Erika Burt for more information at 250.768.5912.

Council Meeting

Next meeting November 21st, at 7:00PM

If you love to sing with a group or want to give it a try, please come out and join Grace Choir on Thursdays at 7:00PM. For more information, call Deni at 250.801.9098

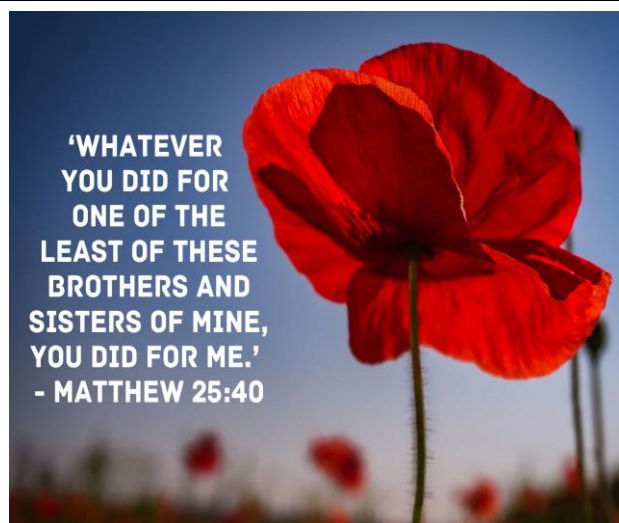
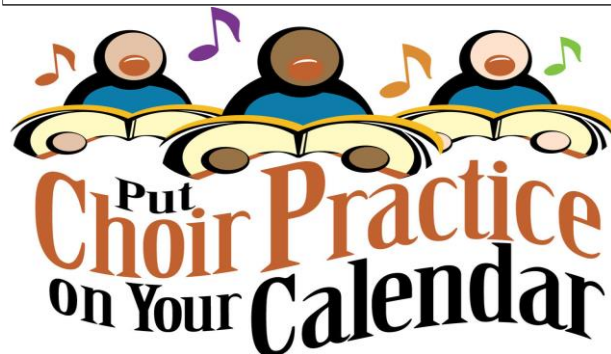
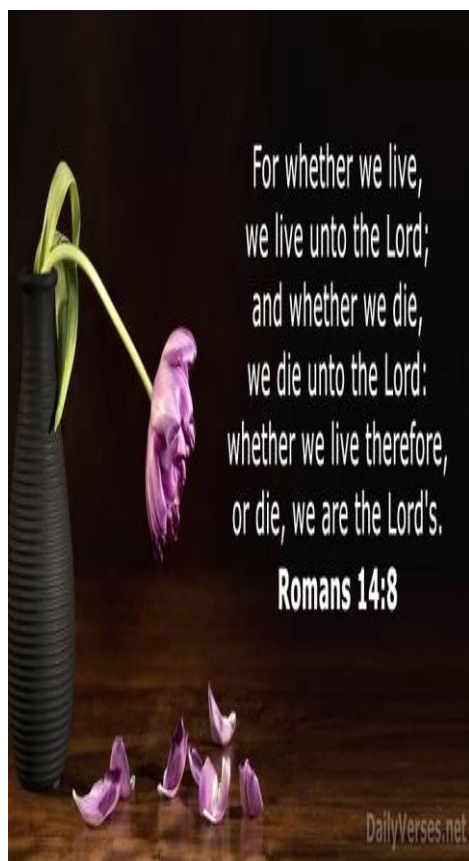
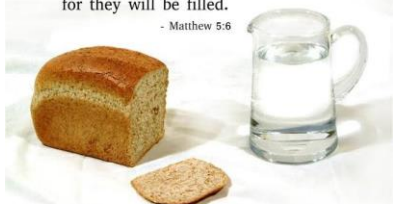
SO VERY
grateful
INCREDIBLY
thankful
UNBELIEVABLY
blessed

Serving Others

Volunteer at the Kelowna Gospel Mission
251 Leon Ave, Kelowna, BC

On the 4th Tuesday of every month a team from Grace Lutheran goes to the Kelowna Gospel Mission. They help in the kitchen with lunch preparation and serving. If you would like to serve in this way, please contact Corinn Lutz at 250.869.8092 or by email: timcorlutz@gmail.com

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
- Matthew 5:6

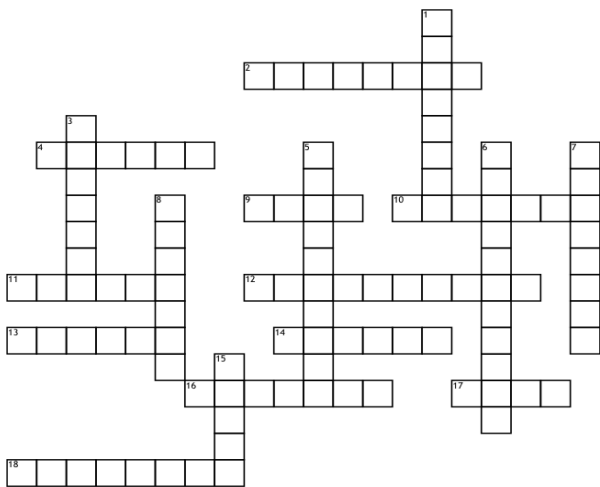


Jesus Loves ME!

The Bible tells me so!

Remember to come to Sunday School at 10:15AM! See You There!

Remembrance Day

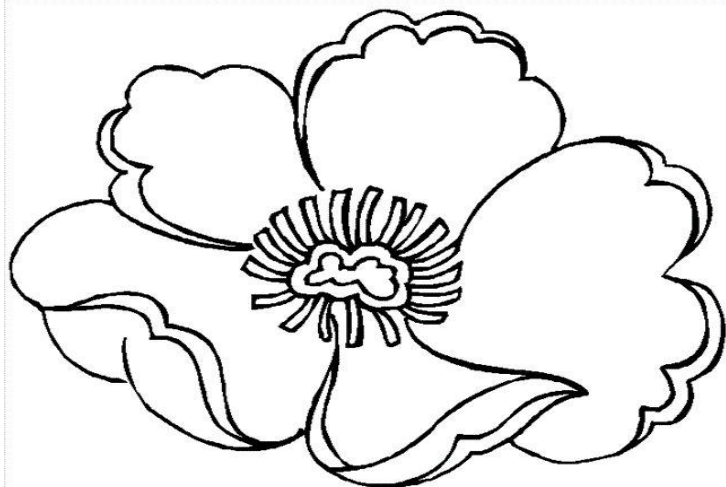


Across

- 2. War Poem: In _____ Fields.
- 4. Lest we _____.
- 9. A group of people who fight on land.
- 10. Someone who has fought in a war.
- 11. A long hole dug into the ground where soldiers hid.
- 12. Wounded and dead.

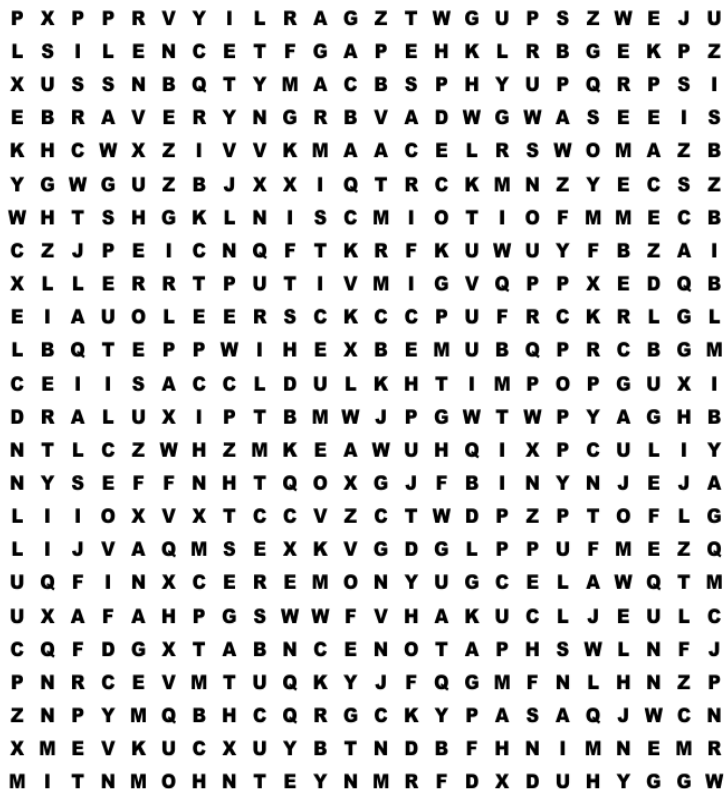
Down

- 1. A group of people who fight in the air.
- 3. Bravery.
- 5. The area between the trenches.
- 6. What WWI was originally known as.
- 7. A statue or building to remember veterans.
- 8. Gun used in war.
- 13. Gas used in war.
- 14. Wire used in war.
- 15. A red flower that is a symbol of remembrance of the dead.
- 16. Injured.
- 17. A group of people who fight on the sea.
- 18. A place where people are buried.
- 19. The month of Remembrance Day.



Lest We Forget

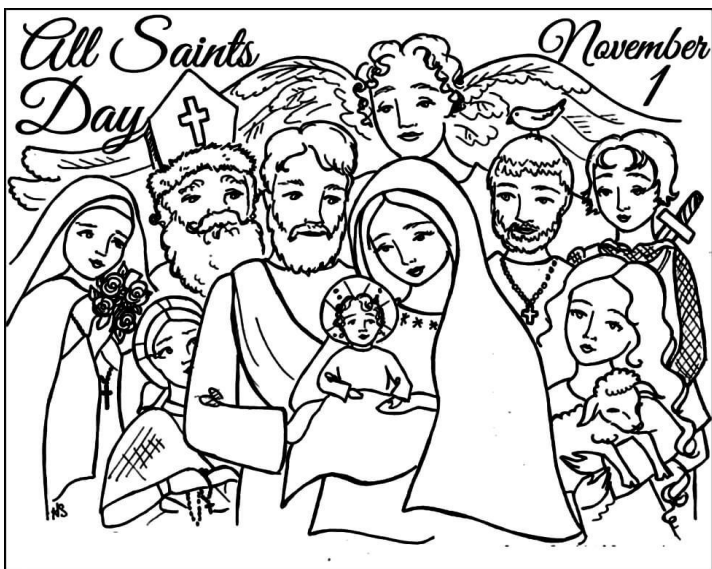
Remembrance Day




Silence
Bugle
Peace
Brave

Armistice
Poppy
Heroes
Ceremony

Cenotaph
Sacrifice
Remember
Liberty



NOVEMBER 2023 – Grace Lutheran Church

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 9:30AM Ladies Bible Study 6:00PM Light Supper followed by Alpha Course	2 7:00PM Choir Practice	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
All Saints Sunday Remembrance Day Service 9AM Contemporary with Holy Communion 10:15AM Sunday School 11AM Traditional w/Holy Communion Noon – Remembrance Day Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall	7:00PM Zoom Confirmation 7:00PM Zoom Bible Study with Jim Statham	2PM Lakeview Lodge Chapel PD 1:30-3:00PM Grief Course	9:30AM Ladies Bible Study 2:00PM Brookhaven Chapel PD 6:00PM Light Supper followed by Alpha Course	7:00PM Choir Practice		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PENTECOST 24 9AM Contemporary 10:10AM Coffee Social Fellowship Hall 10:15AM Sunday School 11AM Traditional	7:00PM Zoom Confirmation 7:00PM Zoom Bible Study with Jim Statham	1:30-3:00PM Grief Course	9:30AM Ladies Bible Study 6:00PM Light Supper followed by Alpha Course	7:00PM Choir Practice		8:30AM Men's Breakfast 1:00PM Emmaus Lutheran Finnish Service
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
PENTECOST 25 9AM Contemporary 10:15AM Sunday School 11AM Traditional w/Holy Communion	7:00PM Zoom Bible Study with Jim Statham	1:30-3:00PM Grief Course 7:00PM Council MTG.	9:30AM Ladies Bible Study 2:00PM Brookhaven FOG 6:00PM ALPHA	7:00PM Choir Practice		
26	27	28	29	30		
Christ the King Sunday 9AM Contemporary 10:10AM Coffee Social Fellowship Hall 10:15AM Sunday School 11AM Traditional	7:00PM Zoom Bible Study with Jim Statham	1:30-3:00PM Grief Course	9:30AM Ladies Bible Study 6:00PM Light Supper followed by Alpha Course	7:00PM Choir Practice	December 8 th Christmas Joy Concert 7:00PM	



Almighty God, we remember with gratitude all those who have gone before us, living lives of sacrifice and faith, winning freedom for us and pointing us to You. Amen