

Graceline

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Pastor David's Message For All the Saints Hymn

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 O blest communion, fellowship divine!

We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

This hymn is a beloved hymn in traditional church music. William How, an Anglican Bishop, had written the text which was first published in 1864. The stanzas can go up to eleven verses, but most sing or include the three up above. The hymn is to praise God for all the saints. The word saint is a Christian who believes in the message of Jesus and who does the will of God. A Christian can be included in that definition even though we are still referred to as sinful beings. This hymn honours our saints and gives glory to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ for them. So, in order to be a saint, we need to be in communion with Jesus and be drawn to Him as He is to us. It is He who will also raise the saints and in the end be honoured in His presence.

The book of Hebrews in chapter 11 and part of 12 supports this hymn. This hymn and scripture combined would make a great bible study. The first passage to consider is Hebrews 11:33-37 - *"who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies. Women received back their dead, raised to life again. There were others who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection. Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were put to death by stoning; they were sawed in two; they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated."* NIV

Here this passage speaks of the saints and what many early Christians went through. I also think of those Christians who were killed by some Isis fighters, here they murdered these Christians because of their faith. The passage claims that God is



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watching and that these martyrs will be redeemed by God. The last passage is Hebrews 12:1 – *"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us,"* NIV

I love this passage because the saints are our cloud of witnesses, with the angels of heaven. We are never alone in the faith. This song remembers the saints, reminds us that they give us courage to live by the faith. This Hymn sings to our hearts that we shall not fear the future. Whatever maybe, or what the future will bring, we as the church can serve and speak the truth all because we have Jesus, and the cloud of witnesses, that encourages, and strengthens us. *In Christ, Pastor David Wunderlich*

Grace News



In October, God called home a couple of saints from Grace Lutheran congregation. On October 19th we held a Celebration of Life for Karen Arend here at Grace and we can all say that she was a presence in the church and she will be missed. A day later, our friend and charter Grace member, John Burt went to be with the Lord. Being a charter member of Grace, John was a wealth of knowledge about Grace and he will be greatly missed. A Celebration of Life will be held for John on Friday, November 22nd at 10:00AM at Springfield Funeral Home. Both of these beautiful saints were ready to meet God and that is a true testament to their faith. God is so good to us, let us take time now to be good to Him by taking care of all of His people. If you are blessed, then show it by giving back. Thanks Be to God!

Grace Lutheran Prayer Warriors For the Prayer Chain Needed

We have a very active and efficient Prayer Chain at Grace Lutheran Church. Since there are many new people joining us now, we thought it was time to mention this and let you know that whenever you have a prayer request, please let us know and you will be prayed for by many people. That said, we are also in need of willing people to step up and be included in the prayer warriors. If you feel that you would like to be a part of this very necessary ministry at Grace, please contact Margaret Knoess at 250.768.0157 or Ruby Litke at 250.707.5422 for more information on how to join the prayer chain. Thank you!!

Sunday School 10:15AM and all children between the ages of 3-12 are welcome!

Grace Choir Thursdays at 7:00PM. We prepare a choir anthem for the 2nd & 4th Sundays at 11:00AM. Since the anthem is right at the start of the 2nd service, even those who attend the 1st

service can sing the anthem and then go home! Everyone is welcome!

Ladies Bible Study Wednesdays at 9:30AM. Liliias Statham is leading the study on the Sermon on the Mount this season (Matthew 5-7) All ladies are welcome!

Monday Night Zoom "John" Bible Study 7:00PM with Jim Statham.

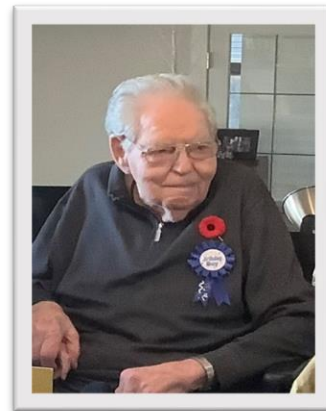
Adult Bible Study – "The Parables" Join Pastor David & Don Chapman on Tuesdays at 1:00PM in the Fellowship Hall for a study on the parables. Everyone is welcome!

Help Needed 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.

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.

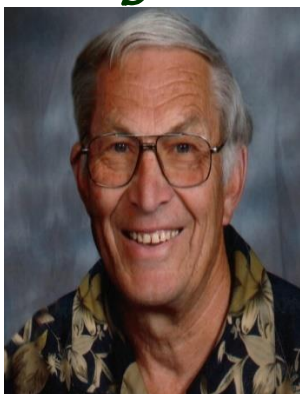
Men's Breakfast Second Saturday of each month 8:30AM in the Fellowship Hall unless otherwise notified. This month we have a guest speaker, Christine Williams, speaking on homelessness and mental health issues and ladies are welcome to attend on Saturday, November 9th at 8:30AM.

Online Services We continue to record one Sunday worship service each week, and our sound booth team makes it ready for viewing on Vimeo on Sunday afternoon or on Monday. If you do not wish to be seen in the video, don't sit in the first 4 pews on the right-hand side near the sound booth.



Milestone Birthday – Let's face it, any birthday after 100 years is a milestone! Robert Shopland is turning 104 years on November 5th, 2024. Above all, Bob is a man of God, a prayer warrior and a witness of his faith in God, so we thank him for his service to God. Bob is also a WWII veteran who served his country in Germany, France & Belgium, assisted in liberating the Dutch, and did what he could to help win the war and return safely, and we thank him for his service to his Country. Bob is still an active husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, great-great grandfather, a brother, an uncle and a friend, and we thank him for his service to his family & friends. Take a moment to say a prayer for this remarkable man who I am very pleased to call my father, Robert Shopland. Happy 104th Birthday Blessings to you! Submitted by Miriam Shopland-Keith.

In Loving Memory



John (Jack) Burt

February 5, 1940 – October 20, 2024

John Alexander Burt, beloved husband, father, grandfather, and friend, passed away peacefully on October 20, 2024, at the age of 84 in Central Okanagan Hospice House, Kelowna, BC. Born in Maidstone, SK, on February 5, 1940, John lived a life rich in family, faith, and a passion for cars. John is survived by his devoted wife of 59 years, Erika; children, Grant (Sarah) and Stephanie (George); and cherished grandchildren, Natalie and Maya. He is also remembered by his siblings Kathy, Marg, Alfred, and Lois, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. John was predeceased by his brothers Art and Ralph, and sister Muriel. A true automotive enthusiast, John spent his career in autobody work, and was recognized around body shops for his expertise, his skill in rebuilding cars, and his habit of collecting auto parts. His passion for cars and his beloved Ford Mustang 5.0 was matched only by his dedication to his family and his faith. A soft-spoken man with a dry sense of humour, John was generous with his time and love, always ready to lend a helping hand or share a story. Deeply rooted in his faith, John relied on the Lord for guidance throughout his life. He cherished his friendships and found joy in gathering with loved ones, where car talk was a favourite pastime. He will be missed, but his spirit will live on in the memories shared by his family and friends. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice House Kelowna - hospicehousekelowna.com. A Memorial Service, with Pastor David Wunderlich officiating, will be held on FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2024, at 10:00 AM (PST), at SPRINGFIELD FUNERAL HOME, 2020 Springfield Road, Kelowna, BC. If you are unable to attend in person, please join the family online by Livestream at the time of the service, a recording will be made available to view shortly thereafter.



Pray for everyone in our church family who mourns including the Arend/Howay, Heise, Werner and Bateson families. Pray for those in hospital including, John Burt and Nedra Schuler. Pray for those recovering from surgery including, Len Weber. Pray for those at home, including Alma Pasker, Robert Shopland, Kris Gering, Maria Heise, Jim Szabo, Louise Shopland, Nedra Schuler, Gerald Schuler, Penny Pfahl, Emily Hughes Fran Schmidt, Joan Ulmer, Coco Heebner, Helene Hack, Lorraine Wentland and Ferne Sather. *"The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit."* Psalm 34:18.

2024 Watercolor Basics 10-Week Workshop

Starts November 23rd - Grace Lutheran Fellowship Hall - Glen Heming will teach **Watercolor Basics** Saturdays 1:00PM to 4:00PM Cost: Free

Learn the basics of watercolour paper, paints & brushes; to control the watercolour media; wet in wet techniques, composition & perspective; simple matting & framing. No cost and some paper, paint & brushes will be provided. No experience necessary. Registration will be limited to the first 12 people.

If you are interested in registering or have questions, please contact Glen directly at glenheming@telus.net or 250.258.5332



Congregational Life

Christian Education

Sunday - Sunday School at 10:15AM.

Monday - Bible Study at 7:00PM via ZOOM.

Tuesday - Parables Bible Study at 1:00PM at Grace.

Wednesdays - Ladies Bible Study at 9:30AM.

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

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



Men's Breakfast

**Saturday November 9th
8:30AM**

Men & women are welcome to attend the Men's breakfast this month to hear special guest speaker, Christine Williams, speak on homelessness and health & addictions; with a focus on the hidden homeless. Everyone is welcome to come out and bring a friend for good food, faith & fellowship.



Healing Service

3rd Tuesday in November

7:00PM

Next – November 19th



GRACE COFFEE SOCIAL

People of Grace are encouraged and welcome to join us in the Fellowship Hall on Sundays between 10:10-10:50AM for coffee, a snack and fellowship with other Grace members. This is a great opportunity 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

November 19th at 7:00PM

November Prayer



Lord,

As November unfolds, we're reminded of Your countless blessings. With the changing season, warm our hearts and guide our thoughts. For those feeling lonely or in loss, bring comfort. As we enter a season of gratitude, fill us with generosity and love. Thank you for being our constant guide and strength.

In Jesus' name,
Amen.



11th November

**Remembrance
Day**

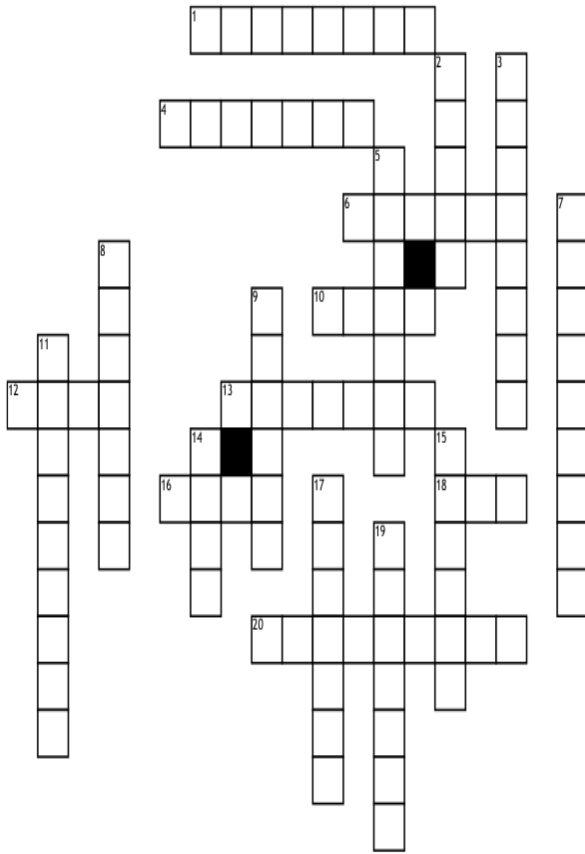
Lest we forget

Jesus Loves ME!

The Bible tells me so!

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

All Saints Day Crossword Puzzle



Across

- We celebrate All Saints' Day on _____ 1st
- He is the patron saint of animals. St. _____ of Assisi.
- Jesus' foster father. St. _____.
- "Our Lady of Lourdes" is another name for _____.
- The mother of Jesus.
- This saint was a tax collector.
- This person has the final decision to declare a person a saint.
- This saint was Saint Mary's mother.
- Saint Joseph was a _____.

Down

- This saint was the first pope. The patron saint of fisherman.
- He is the Saint behind Santa Clause - He is the patron saint of children. St. _____.
- St. Bernadette saw the Virgin Mary near _____, France. Also _____.
- All Saints Day is the day after _____.
- On All Saints' Day, we say _____ for saints that are known and unknown.
- All Saints Day honors those saints who have died and gone to _____.
- On this saints feast day you might give cards to your friends. St. _____.
- He baptized Jesus. _____ The Baptist.
- We believe all people who go to heaven become _____.
- He is the patron saint of Ireland and his feast day is celebrated on March 17th. He taught people about the Holy Trinity using a 3 leaf clover.
- The Little Flower, Known for small sacrifices to God and doing good deeds for others out of love. St. _____ of Lisieux.



Christ The King Sunday

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- SOLDIERS
- CLOTHES
- FATHER
- SAVE
- CRIMINALS
- FORGIVE
- CHOSEN
- PUNISHED
- ONE
- GOD
- KINGDOM
- DIVIDED
- TRUTH
- JESUS
- HIMSELF
- VINEGAR
- CHRIST
- WRITTEN
- DEEDS
- WRONG
- LOTS
- FEAR
- SKULL
- MUCKED

Play this puzzle online at : <https://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/4328010/>

November 2024 – Grace Lutheran Church

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 2:00-5:00PM 4-H Fellowship Hall
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
All Saints Sunday 9AM Contemporary with Holy Communion 10:10AM Coffee Social Fellowship Hall 10:15AM Sunday School 11AM Traditional w/Holy Communion TURN CLOCKS BACK – 1:00AM		1:00PM Parables Bible Study 2:00PM Lakeview Lodge PD	9:30AM Ladies Bible Study 2:00PM Brookhaven Chapel PD	7:00PM Choir Practice		8:30AM Men's Breakfast
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
PENTECOST 25 Remembrance Day Service 9AM Contemporary 10:10AM Coffee Social Fellowship Hall 10:15AM Sunday School 11AM Traditional	-Office Closed-	1:00PM Parables Bible Study	9:30AM Ladies Bible Study	7:00PM Choir Practice		1:00PM Emmaus Finnish Service
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
PENTECOST 26 9AM Contemporary 10:15AM Sunday School 11AM Traditional w/Holy Communion	7:00PM Zoom Bible Study with Jim Statham	1:00PM Parables Bible Study 7:00PM HEALING Service	9:30AM Ladies Bible Study 2:00PM Brookhaven FOG	7:00PM Choir Practice	10:00AM Celebration of Life for John Burt Springfield Funeral Home	1:00-4:00PM Watercolour Workshop
24	25	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	1:00PM Parables Bible Study 2:00PM VASC Chapel FOG	9:30AM Ladies Bible Study	7:00PM Choir Practice	7:00PM Youth Event TBA	1:00-4:00PM Watercolour Workshop 4:00-8:00PM 4-H Fellowship Hall

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Lest we forget



O GOD,

by whose mercy the faithful departed find rest, look kindly on our departed veterans who gave their lives in the service of their country. Grant that through the passion, death and resurrection of your Son they may share in the joy of your heavenly kingdom and rejoice in you with your saints forever. Amen.