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"Veterans Day: Founding, Fact & Meaning"

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PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS

Eleanor Galik
for immediate prayers




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SUNDAY SCHEDULE
9:15 am Adult study

Veterans Day is a U.S. legal holiday dedicated to American veterans of all wars, and Veterans Day 2024 will occur on Monday, November 11. In 1918, on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, was declared between the Allied nations and Germany in World War I, then known as "the Great War." Commemorated in many countries as Armistice Day the following year, November 11th became a federal holiday in the United States in 1938. In the aftermath of World War II and the Korean War, Armistice Day became known as Veterans Day. On November 11, 1921, an unidentified American soldier killed in the war was buried at Arlington National Cemetery near Washington, D.C. On the same day the previous year, unidentified soldiers were laid to rest at Westminster Abbey in London and at the Arc de Triomphe in Paris.

On June 4, 1926, Congress passed a resolution that the "recurring anniversary of [November 11, 1918] should be commemorated with thanksgiving and prayer and exercises designed to perpetuate peace through good will and mutual understanding between nations," and that the president should issue an annual proclamation calling for the observance of Armistice Day. By that time, 27 state legislatures had made November 11 a legal holiday. An act approved May 13, 1938 made November 11 a legal Federal holiday, "dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be hereafter celebrated and known as 'Armistice Day.'"

From Armistice Day to Veterans Day

American effort during World War II saw the greatest mobilization of the U.S. Army, Navy, Marines and Air Force in the nation's history (more than 16 million people); some 5.7 million more served in the Korean War.

In 1954, after lobbying efforts by veterans' service organizations, the 83rd U.S. Congress amended the 1938 act that had made Armistice Day a holiday, striking the word "Armistice" in favor of "Veterans." President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the legislation on June 1, 1954. From then on, November 11 became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.


The next development in the story of Veterans Day unfolded in 1968, when Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which sought to ensure three-day weekends for federal employees—and encourage tourism and travel—by celebrating four national holidays (Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Veterans Day and Columbus Day) on Mondays. The observation of Veterans Day was set as the fourth Monday in October. The first Veterans Day under the new law was Monday, October 25, 1971; confusion ensued, as many states disapproved of this change, and continued to observe the holiday on its original date.

In 1975, after it became evident that the actual date of Veterans Day carried historical and patriotic significance to many Americans, President Gerald Ford signed a new law returning the observation of Veterans Day to November 11th beginning in 1978. If November 11 falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the federal government observes the holiday on the previous Friday or following Monday, respectively. Government offices are closed on Veterans Day.

Veterans Day Traditions

In the United States, an official wreath-laying ceremony is held each Veterans Day at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery, while parades and other celebrations are held in states around the country. Veterans Day is not to be confused with Memorial Day—a common misunderstanding, according to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Memorial Day (the fourth Monday in May) honors American service members who died in service to their country or as a result of injuries incurred during battle, while Veterans Day pays tribute to all American veterans—living or dead—but especially gives thanks to living veterans who served their country honorably during war or peacetime.

This Week at Living Word

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10 9:15am Adult Bible Study 10:00am Worship Blended Service	11 Veterans Day 	12 9am–Noon Preschool 10:00am Push Prayer	13 9am–Noon Preschool	14 9am–Noon Preschool	15	16

Stewardship Snapshot

November 3rd

22 Worshipped, 15 Communed

4 Watched Live

20 Watched Later

46 Total

Financial Support

Offering wasn't counted this week

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Neal Hartz - President

Ken Marks—Vice President

Bill Merchantz - Treasurer

Diana Motel - Secretary

Members at Large

Paul Huang

Devotional Time

Opportunities to Connect with God

PUSH PRAYER meets every **Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.** to pray for our church, community and world. We welcome requests (call 708-403-9673) or visit our website to send in your prayer request, or join us for 30-40 minutes each week.

RADIO & TV OPPORTUNITIES

- **Worship Anew**—8:00 a.m. Sunday - Comcast channel 184 (TLN) & 8 (SD) , WPWR channel 50, AT&T U-verse channel 1008 (HD) & 8 (SD), Dish Network # 8495; 10:30 a.m. Sunday - DIRECTV channel 377 (TCT)
- **The Lutheran Hour** 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays on 1230 AM; and 9:30 a.m. Sundays on 1580 AM

VERSE OF THE MONTH ¹³For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. ¹⁴I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. - *Psalm 139:13-14 (NIV)*

DEVOTIONAL OF THE WEEK *For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law. Or is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles too? Yes, of Gentiles too, since there is only one God, who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through that same faith. Do we, then, nullify the law by this faith? Not at all! Rather, we uphold the law. - Romans 3:28-31 (NIV)*

Even though I'm freely justified by God, now God will teach me and enable me through the Holy Spirit to actually follow Him. The Law is still true, and shows us what's right and wrong. Now it's time to get into the transformation journey with God, and learn how to walk by faith in Him and experience what He calls the abundant life.

PRAYER REQUEST for Eleanor Galik. She accidentally tripped last Friday in her back yard and has a broken left hip. She was at Palos (Northwestern) Hospital until they were able to find an assisted living/rehab facility that has a physical therapy program and that her insurance would approve. So please keep her in your prayers as she recovers and that she has a speedy and successful recovery from this fall. I will keep everyone advised as to her whereabouts and her condition, she is a very strong person and we know God will see her through this. If you would like to send any additional cards or letters, just give me a call and I can give you her daughter' Eileen's address so she can make sure that Eleanor gets your cards and letters.

Living Word News

PRAYER REQUEST OF THANKSGIVING for Pastor John as he is in the regular assisted living building. He was reevaluated again last month. He has expressed that he is up to having some visitors and phone calls again. He is walking around more, he is still very leery to want to go out as he doesn't want to take the risk of falling again. Please keep him and his family in your prayers as they are very concerned about Pastor John, as we all are, and are very thankful for his improved condition. If you would like to send cards or well wishes or to call him, here is the complete address: John Bucka, C/O Victorian Village, **Rm #108**, 12600 Renaissance Circle, Homer Glen, IL 60491. Phone number for Victorian Village is 708-578-7091, so just ask for Pastor John Bucka when they answer. He is in good spirits and alert throughout the day, he is still struggling with having dizziness and falling, but other than that he is doing well.

TRANSITION TEAM and the church council will be meeting with President Buss from NID and Pastor Schauer on Sunday, November 24th after our worship service. We have asked President Buss to be able to meet with us so we can discuss the availability of seminary students graduating in the spring and the possibility of shared ministry with other churches. We will also be discussing some other options that have been brought to our attention last year from Pastor Price from Trinity Lutheran in Lisle. We will keep you informed as the meeting draws closer and of any further updates or developments that we get. If there is something you would like us to address with President Buss, please let any of the members of the council or Call Committee know. Please keep all of us and the meeting in your prayers for God's will to be done.

THANK YOU AGAIN to head elder Bill Merchantz. He has volunteered to lead us in worship for our Thanksgiving Eve service. This will allow Pastor Lee and Elaine to travel to his nephew's house in Columbus, OH for Thanksgiving dinner. They were willing to plan on leaving at 5 in the morning on Thursday and return late Saturday evening to lead us in worship for both Thanksgiving Eve service and on Sunday morning. This way, Pastor and Elaine can leave a couple of days earlier and take their time to drive to Columbus ensuring more of a safe trip for them. Please be advise though that the time has changed just slightly, we will be having Thanksgiving Eve service at 6:30 pm so that all who work that day will be able to have enough time to get home and attend service that night.

COUNCIL MEETING is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, November 21st. If there is an item that you would to have addressed at the meeting, please let Diana, Bill or Neal know.

ANOTHER THANK YOU LETTER was received late last week from Phil's Friends. They were our Mission of the Month in August. The letter reads, *"Dear Friends, Thank you for partnering with Phil's Friends to support cancer patients and caregivers. Your generosity brings peace, encouragement and light into an otherwise dark situation. We are grateful for your partnership in the Gospel!"* It is signed, *"For Christ and His Kingdom, Phil Zelke, Founder of Phil's Friends"*. The actual letter can be found on the bulletin board, and the book that was sent to us prior to this is right below it.

Living Word Endowment Fund

LIVING WORD ENDOWMENT FUND (as of 10/31/2024)

The current value of the fund is \$184,696.98 invested in Thrivent funds. Current market value exceeds cost of investments by \$42,469.74. Since inception (10/12/05), the Fund has earned interest and dividends totaling \$57,246.51. Of this, \$28,623.26 will return to Living Word for growth initiatives.

THIS REPRESENTS A GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING!

To Date:	Total contributions	\$84,980.73
	Market value over cost	42,469.74
	<u>Dividends and interest</u>	<u>57,246.51</u>
	Total market value	\$184,696.98

HOW THE ENDOWMENT FUND WORKS

Contributions treated as donation for tax purposes. Funds invested by Thrivent Financial. 50% of interest and dividends available for church growth. Interested in estate planning? Call Tim Regan/Thrivent (708-326-4750). If any questions, call Bob Grossart



Mission of the Month

NOVEMBER MISSION OF THE MONTH will be Lutherans for Life. We will be collecting the rest of November for this very worthwhile organization. At the end of November we will have all of your donations deposited into the General Fund and Bill will write a check to them and it will then get mailed to their headquarters.

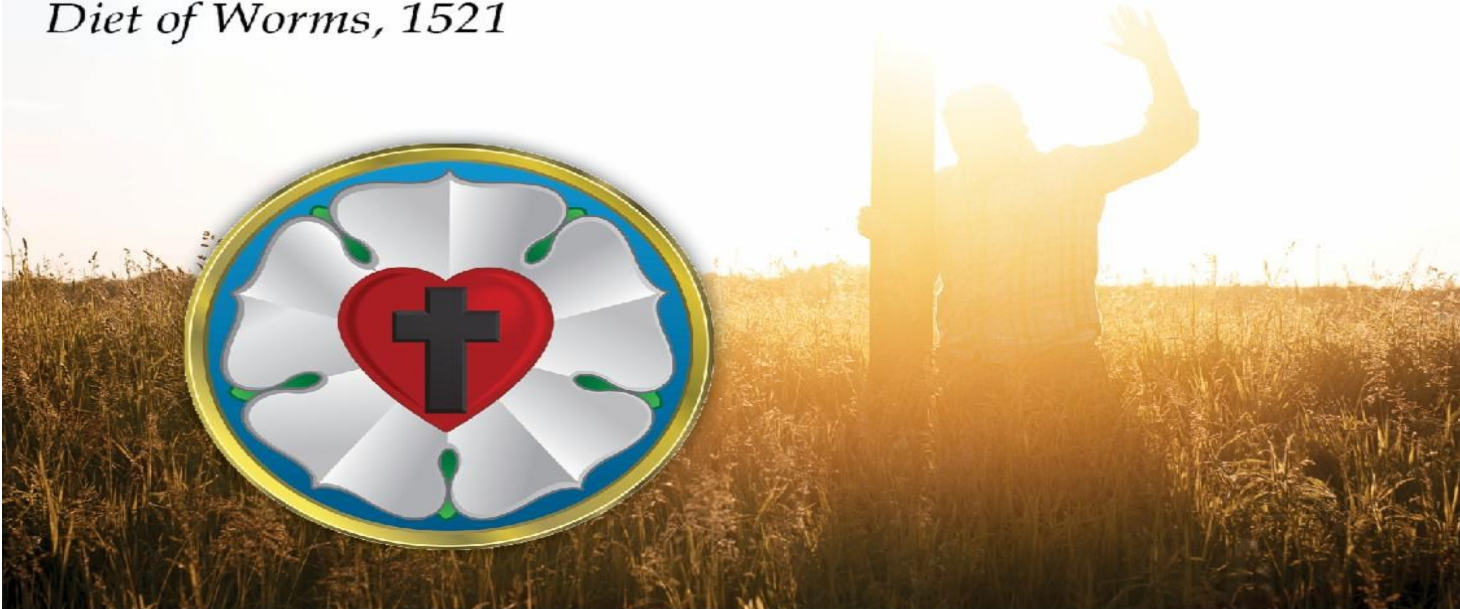
Here We Stand For Life

“Unless I am convinced by the testimony of the Scriptures or by clear reason ... I am bound by the Scriptures ... and my conscience is captive to the Word of God.

“I cannot and I will not retract anything, since it is neither safe nor right to go against conscience.

“I cannot do otherwise, here I stand, may God help me, Amen.”

Martin Luther at the Diet of Worms, 1521



**LUTHERANS
FOR LIFE**



LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

Here We Stand

“Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.” (Ephesians 6:13)

Here We Stand to declare and defend the precious value of every human being.

Here We Stand to celebrate the many blessings of abundant and everlasting life.

Here We Stand for every human life, at each stage, in any state—no matter what she’s done, no matter what he can’t do.

Here We Stand from the invisible miracle of conception to the moment of natural death—because of God’s purpose, not our own plans.

Here We Stand behind Jesus Christ’s passion, not our own pride.

Here We Stand bearing His Holy Spirit’s presence, not our own capacities.

Here We Stand against sin and selfishness, death and the devil, not against one another.

Here We Stand speaking truth and sharing love—in joy and not out of anger, in hope and not out of fear.

Here We Stand for forgiveness and not comparison, for salvation and not competition; to relieve and release, not to accuse; to listen, assist, accompany, embrace, and befriend—not to attack.

Here We Stand with millions of His children around the world and multitudes across the centuries.

Here We Stand with you and for you, wherever you are, wherever you’ve been, wherever you’re going.

Preschool News

PLEASE KEEP OUR PRESCHOOL in your prayers and thoughts. We still currently have 4 children enrolled for this year, and would love to be able to have a few more 3 or 4 year olds to join our school. Diana is working very hard, she will be graduating in May from ISU and will be receiving her bachelor’s degree in Early Childhood Education in the summer. She already has a student signed up for next fall, and she is hoping to have one or two of her current students returning as they will not be age-eligible for kindergarten yet. She knows that there should be a couple of younger siblings that would be joining the class as well. This is such a wonderful ministry for our church but especially for our community, so please keep passing the word about what a wonderful program that she has here. It was a short week for the kids this week as the school was closed on Election Day. They were all so happy to be back in school on Wednesday, lol. She turned in the master order form for Nothing Bundt Cakes, so our goodies will be here before you know it. Thank you so much for generous donations throughout the month and for all the orders. We had given her an order total of 37 bundlets. We should be getting a check from them for just under \$60.00 for preschool. She will be picking up the cakes on Monday, the 18th and they will be available for you pick them up any time after 11:00 am that Monday. We will store them in the refrigerator for everybody.

11-10-2024 Message Outline

“The Lord Lifts Up”

Psalm 146 says: *“Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God...the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down...”*

1) The Lord lifts us up from HOPELESSNESS.

⁸ Then the word of the LORD came to him: ⁹ “Go at once to Zarephath in the region of Sidon and stay there. I have directed a widow there to supply you with food.” ¹⁰ So he went to Zarephath. When he came to the town gate, a widow was there gathering sticks. He called to her and asked, “Would you bring me a little water in a jar so I may have a drink?” ¹¹ As she was going to get it, he called, “And bring me, please, a piece of bread.” ¹² “As surely as the LORD your God lives,” she replied, “I don’t have any bread—only a handful of flour in a jar and a little olive oil in a jug. I am gathering a few sticks to take home and make a meal for myself and my son, that we may eat it—and die.” ¹³ Elijah said to her, “Don’t be afraid. Go home and do as you have said. But first make a small loaf of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me, and then make something for yourself and your son.” ¹⁴ For this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: ‘The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the LORD sends rain on the land.’ ¹⁵ She went away and did as Elijah had told her. So there was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family. ¹⁶ For the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of the LORD spoken by Elijah. 1 Kings 17:8-16

2) The Lord lifts us up from HELPLESSNESS.

²⁴ For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made with human hands that was only a copy of the true one; he entered heaven itself, now to appear for us in God’s presence. ²⁵ Nor did he enter heaven to offer himself again and again, the way the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood that is not his own. ²⁶ Otherwise Christ would have had to suffer many times since the creation of the world. But he has appeared once for all at the culmination of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷ Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, ²⁸ so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him. Hebrews 9:24-28

3) The Lord lifts us up from WORTHLESSNESS.

³⁸ As he taught, Jesus said, “Watch out for the teachers of the law. They like to walk around in flowing robes and be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, ³⁹ and have the most important seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at banquets. ⁴⁰ They devour widows’ houses and for a show make lengthy prayers. These men will be punished most severely.” ⁴¹ Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. ⁴² But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents. ⁴³ Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. ⁴⁴ They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on.” Mark 12:38-44

GREATER LOVE HAS
NO ONE THAN THIS,
THAN TO LAY DOWN
ONE'S LIFE FOR HIS
FRIENDS.

remember

VETERANS DAY

JOHN 15:13



I kneel in prayer for you
I stand for the National Anthem
We are proud and humbled by your service
And to those that continue to serve
May God Bless And Keep