



# The HOLY CROSS WORD

*Words of news, information, humor and inspiration from Holy Cross*

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"Share the Hope"

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## WISMAR'S WISDOM

### Dear Members and Friends of Holy Cross,

Our journey through the entirety of Holy Scripture continues! As this newsletter goes to print we will be just finishing up our look at the first five books of the Bible – the **Books of Moses** – and turning our attention to the next section in the library of God's word, the **Books of History** – Joshua through Esther. There are many blessings to be found in your reading through the Books of History, and I would like to share with you just a few from each, as follows:

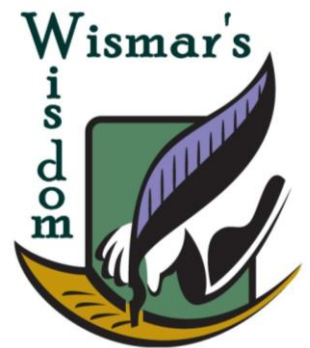
As you read the book of **Joshua**, consider how the Lord prepared Joshua to lead Israel. He succeeded, not because he was a brilliant strategist or charismatic genius, but because he believed "*this book of the law*," that is, God's Holy Word. Joshua continually emphasizes that the Lord gave them the land according to His promise, that the Lord fulfills His Word and so grants success. Even the name Joshua is a word of promise, anticipating the appearance of a later and greater leader for God's people who would give them a decisive victory. Just as the Lord called Israel to remain steadfast in the physical and spiritual struggle they faced among the Canaanites, He calls us today to be spiritually steadfast. Christ won salvation for us on the cross, and through His Word, He continues to equip us and rally us for challenges today.

The book of **Judges** chronicles the moral decay that inflicted Israel and led to its oppression, at times recording events so shocking one can scarcely believe they appear in sacred scripture. These historical examples have a blessed purpose: to warn us against the spiritual indifference and moral decay that would stalk our generation and the next. They show how important our duty is as God's family to teach God's Word. And what is the message of the Word? The Lord hears the cries of His people. He does not forget them but multiplies His mercy generation after generation. As you study Judges, call out to the Lord on behalf of your family, your children and your grandchildren, that the Spirit of the Lord would rest on them and they would know their deliverer, Jesus.

The book of **Ruth** relates a beautiful story in the history of King David's family, illustrating how God guides history for the sake of His people. He works through suffering and redemption to preserve His people and to welcome the nations. These aspects of the book point to the birth of Jesus, the world's Redeemer, who descends from Ruth and Boaz. Though the book of Ruth is not a love story, it beautifully illustrates the Lord's enduring love for you. As you read Ruth, consider how the Lord calls you to show love and faithfulness to your family and your neighbors, for whom Christ lived and gave His life.

As you study **1 & 2 Samuel**, reflect on how the Lord constantly cares for His people, despite their weaknesses. Just as in the Book of Judges, the Lord hears the people's prayers and calls them to repentance again and again. Ultimately, He raises them up as a unified nation under His servant, the prophet King David. Though the stories about the kings describe the political intrigues and misdeeds of the ancient Israelites, the Books of 1 and 2 Samuel, as a whole, anticipate the greater rule of the greater King, whose reign shall never end. Like all of Scripture, the history of Israel's prophets, priests and kings ultimately points to Jesus, our Heavenly Leader.

As you read **1 & 2 Kings**, take note of how intimately the Lord is involved in the lives of Israel's leaders, punishing their sins and forgiving them when they repent. Also note how the leader set examples for the people, making their decisions even more important. Consider your spiritual and political leaders. Pray that the Lord would guide them to make wise decisions and that He would deliver them from evil. Likewise, consider your own plans and conduct and the effect they may have on the future of your family, congregation and community. Through the blessings and promises extended to the kings of Israel and Judah, the Lord will equip you for leadership and service among His people and assure you of His forgiveness in Christ the King.



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**Sunday, November 1** – Daylight Saving Time Ends (2 a.m.)

**Tuesday, November 3**

5:00 p.m. – Holy Cross serves Community Supper at St. John's Episcopal-Bpt.

**Thursday, November 12**

7:00 p.m. – Board of Directors' meeting

**Wednesday, November 25**

7:30 p.m. – Thanksgiving Eve Eucharist

**Thursday, November 26** – Thanksgiving Day

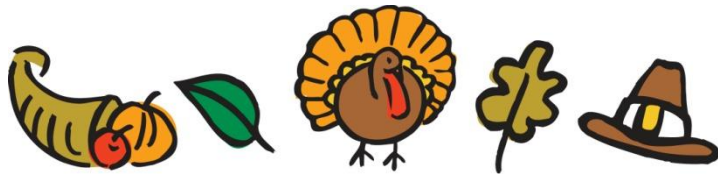
(Office closed and no preschool both on this day and Friday, Nov. 27)

**Sunday, November 29** – The Season of Advent begins

**Wednesdays, December 2, 9, 16**

6:15 p.m. – Advent Soup Suppers

7:30 p.m. – Advent Midweek Worship with the theme "Hark the Glad Sound"



SO MANY BLESSINGS

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### MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Holy Cross congregation is to carry out the Great Commission of our Lord (Matthew 28:18-20). We will share the love and forgiveness of Our Lord Jesus Christ with one another, our community and the whole world so that we can take part in the joyous privilege of "making disciples of all nations" through the power of the preaching and teaching the Word of God, administering His Sacraments, and joining together in service fellowship according to the confessional standard of the Lutheran Church (Article III).




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**MAKE A TRANSFORMATION**  
**Words by William Arthur Ward,**  
**motivational speaker, author**  
 "Gratitude can transform common days into thanksgivings, turn routine jobs into joy and change ordinary opportunities into blessings."  
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## NEWSLETTER NOTES

### Our next deadline is...

The next issue of The Holy Cross Word is the December edition. The deadline for submissions is Friday, Nov. 13.

**Please note**  
**this earlier**  
**deadline,**

due to the Thanksgiving holiday, and plan ahead to meet the adjusted deadline. Please turn in your article(s) to the newsletter mailbox, located outside the church office, or send them via e-mail to:

[office@holycrosstrumbull.com](mailto:office@holycrosstrumbull.com).



**“Wismar’s Wisdom,” continued from Page 1**

As you read **Chronicles**, consider the focus the author places on the ministry of the Word, atonement through God’s house, and God’s care for His people through Israel’s greatest leaders: David and Solomon. Especially note that the musicians at the tabernacle and temple, who handled God’s word and song, were regarded as prophets. Throughout, the Chronicler shows regard for God’s blessings through the Word, which calls God’s people to faith and keeps them in the faith. The greatest Word of all in Chronicles is the sustained promise of an everlasting kingdom from David’s household, fulfilled in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Savior of all.

As you read **Ezra**, consider how the Lord is at work now in the lives of world leaders in order to bring about good for His people. As Luther notes, when things seem their worst and everything opposes God’s people, God is there at work to dramatically change matters. Therefore, like Ezra and his contemporaries, take confidence in God’s promises and their fulfillment for your sake.

**Nehemiah**, a faithful layman, gives all God’s people a remarkable example of courage and leadership. As you study the book of Nehemiah, consider how the Lord not only preserves His people during the exile but also replanted them in the Holy Land against incredible odds through servants like Nehemiah. He did these things out of love for them and for you – to keep His promise to send a Savior for all people.

The book of **Esther** is a beautiful portrayal of courage in the face of danger and the triumph of good in the face of powerful, sinister forces. Although the name of God is not mentioned, the Book of Esther implies divine providence throughout. As you study Esther, remember why God works through Esther and Mordecai to deliver the people of Judah. It was all part of God’s plan that the Savior would be born to that people in the land God had designated, and at just the right moment, *“when the fullness of time had come.”* (Gal 4:4)

God’s richest blessings to you as you read through the **Books of History** and continue on your journey through God’s Word!

**I look forward to seeing you in worship!**

Pastor Wismar

**COMMUNITY SUPPER**

**Serve the Lord by serving the needy a welcome meal**

Community Supper Team Leaders were invited to a presentation by two nutritionists in June that the two of us attended. The group was encouraged to serve healthy foods to clients of the Community Supper. Everyone realized this would be a process. Two changes were made on October 6: instead of grape juice, water with lemon slices was served; instead of chocolate cake, apples and bananas were served.

It was an adjustment in shopping and cooking preparation. Diane Hintz Schyhol, Anna Schaaf, Nancy Sabol and Miharu Wismar all arrived to prepare the food items. Saviden Semon and Sherry Duff arrived during the late afternoon to expertly carve the hams. They were joined by Anna Mae Berger, Jim Leslie, Laurie and Joey Vaitkus and Pastor Wismar to serve 123 meals.



**Community  
Supper**

Holy Cross is responsible for buying the food, preparing and serving the meal on the first Tuesday of the month at St. John’s Episcopal. The next community supper for which Holy Cross is responsible for cooking and serving is on Tuesday, November 3. A sign-up sheet is on the narthex table for volunteers to indicate if they will prepare/cook or serve.

---DAVID and MARY ANN SCHILLER



**PRAISE GOD FOR  
HIS ABUNDANT  
GOODNESS!**

Join your Holy Cross  
family and friends  
at the annual  
**THANKSGIVING EVE  
EUCCHARIST**  
Wednesday, Nov. 25  
7:30 p.m.

## PRESIDENT'S JOURNAL

### **Financial facts that help in understanding what your role is for your church**

On Sunday, October 18, the following text and chart were shared with those in attendance through a half-sheet distributed after the services. I believe this message bears repeating to the wider audience of our newsletter readers.

In His Service,  
---KERRY GEFFERT  
Holy Cross President

Now that we are in the final fiscal quarter of the year, your Board of Directors would like to share a snapshot of Holy Cross' financial standing related to member giving. At the beginning of 2015, a conservative budget was adopted to provide for the running of Holy Cross in adherence to our mission. The first half of the year was challenging as attendance, and the resultant giving, lagged during our vacancy. However, since the arrival of the Wismar family, Holy Cross has experienced a resurgence of spirit; a positive "vibe" permeates the air.

It is within this positive spirit that we share the giving figures presented on the reverse. The 2015 budget calls for regular giving of \$4,631 per week to meet anticipated expenses. This figure does not include special services (Lent, Easter, Advent, etc), nor does it include capital giving and expenditures related to the parsonage renovation. (A financial report of income and expenditures related to the parsonage renovation will be provided at the 2016 Annual Meeting.) In tandem, both the Board and our staff have been diligent in working to keep expenses below budget. This is a challenge since a large portion of our expenses is related to fixed costs.

In reviewing the figures below, you will notice that some weeks have been positive, while others have failed to reach anticipated need. Where income falls short of real expenses, the gap comes from our savings – a finite source.

Giving back to the Lord from the blessings He has provided us is central to the life of Christians. As you plan your overall charitable giving for the remainder of 2015, and as you plan for 2016 and beyond, please consider the needs of your congregation and the work of Holy Cross.

You are encouraged to share this information with your friends and family members who call Holy Cross their home congregation. Membership comes with responsibility.

### **Weekly Giving – June 2015 to the Present**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Total Giving</b>	<b>Variance from Average Weekly Need</b>
June 7	\$3,662.39	\$-968.61
June 14	\$3,714.96	\$-916.04
June 21	\$5,445.33	\$814.33
June 28	\$4,383.96	\$-247.04
July 5	\$3,197.39	\$-1,433.61
July 12	\$3,011.96	\$-1,619.04
July 19	\$3,801.33	\$-829.67
July 26	\$6,126.92	\$1,495.92
August 2	\$2,888.00	\$-1,743.00
August 9	\$4,487.99	\$-143.01
August 16	\$2,795.21	\$-1,835.79
August 23	\$4,701.33	\$70.33
August 30	\$4,089.96	\$-541.04
September 6	\$4,115.14	\$-515.86
September 13	\$5,146.71	\$515.71
September 20	\$4,772.88	\$141.88
September 27	\$4,323.96	\$-307.04
October 4	\$5,695.96	\$1,064.96
October 11	\$3,644.14	\$-986.86

\$175,551 – Income for 2015 through the end of September.

\$205,771 – Expenses for 2015 through the end of September, approximately \$15,000 less than the YTD budget.

\$30,220 – Deficit of Income minus Expenses through the end of September.

NOTE: Figures include income/expenses from all sources, excluding major amounts related to the parsonage renovation.

## DISCIPLESHIP COMMISSION

### **Picnic, Pasta and Photos...fun events filled a two-week period in late September through early October**

We wrapped up the summer with our Annual Holy Cross Picnic on September 20. It was a fun-filled day of fellowship, and it was great to see some new families join us this year – welcome to you all! Again, we were blessed with a gorgeous day. And the grill team of Rick Van Wart, Greg Dowling and Andrew Struzik cooked the burgers and dogs to perfection...look out Food Network!



On the following Saturday, September 26, we had an evening of fellowship thanks to Lorraine and Jim Finch. They led a team of volunteers to set up for, prepare and serve a wonderful pasta dinner. The proceeds from this dinner – which were just over \$750 – benefited the Parsonage Renovation Fund.

We had successful photo shoots for the Holy Cross pictorial directory on the first weekend of October. We had 60-plus family units sign up to have their pictures taken, which meant we had to add a third day for the photographers to be with us! We are currently trying to finalize the layout of the directory.



With the cooler weather upon us, keep Wednesdays, December 2, 9 and 16, on your calendar for our famous soup suppers. It is a great way to experience some fellowship and a homemade soup, followed by our Advent service. Come one, come ALL!

---DONNA BOGEN  
Discipleship Director



## TIME CHANGE SUNDAY

### IS NOVEMBER 1

*Daylight Saving Time Ends*

Turn your clock **BACK** one hour before going to sleep on Saturday, Oct. 31. Enjoy the extra hour of sleep!

## THRIVENT MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

### **Thrivent Financial members asked to take advantage of Choice Dollars program**

Over the years Thrivent Financial has supported Holy Cross in many and multiple ways. We are needing to rethink how they can help us in our ministry here. For instance, Thrivent is putting more emphasis on its Choice Dollars program. Every Thrivent member has the option of directing Thrivent money to a charity of their choice. It need not be Holy Cross, of course, but as Holy Cross members, that is a logical choice. The amount of Choice Dollars a given member receives each year depends upon the level of financial involvement they have with Thrivent. Only about 40 percent of our members who qualify for Choice Dollars have been directing them to Holy Cross. Certainly some of those dollars were sent to other charities, but the majority were “left on the table” as members ignored this method of supporting Holy Cross.

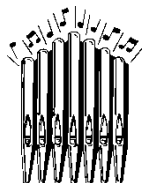
If you are a Thrivent member and have been passing up your Choice Dollars, please phone Thrivent (1-800-THRIVEN) and ask for Choice Dollars. Or ask for help or information from me, as I am Holy Cross’ congregational advocate. Please also ask about your own potential of acquiring as much as \$500 a year for ministry projects here at Holy Cross. Please take advantage of the benefits offered through your membership in Thrivent.

---DON MEYER

## BACH VESPERS SEASON

### **Take a Sunday trip into NYC to attend inspiring vespers**

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, located in the heart of New York City’s Lincoln Center neighborhood, welcomes all to its 48th (2015/16) season of Sunday evening Bach Vespers. This is an exceptional opportunity to experience sacred music performed by the Grammy-nominated Bach Choir and Players, accompanied on period instruments, with solemn processions, mystical chant and ancient texts. Please take a few minutes and check the Holy Trinity Bach Vesper schedules posted on the hallway bulletin board. What a wonderful way to spend a Sunday in New York City during the upcoming holiday season or the coming new year.



---DORIS DIETMAN



## OUR FLOCK

### **Christian caring and praying at Holy Cross**

This is the Shepherds' Commission's "FYI" column letting our members know for whom we have prayed during our recent worship services. Please continue to remember these people in your prayers.

We remember our members: **Salome Brenna**, infant daughter of Rick and Katie Brenna; **Carol Burns**, going through physical therapy following hip-replacement surgery; **Carlos Calvao**, recovering from surgery; **Joe Ciccio**, recovering from quadruple-bypass surgery; **Ron Dietman**, recovering from a minor surgical procedure; **Edna Karacsony**, recovering from hip surgery; **JoAnne Meyer**; **Tim Morris**, for continued healing as he recovers from sinus surgery; **Barbara Schneider**, for a complete recovery from her recent surgery; **Anita Schoch**, recovering from heart-valve replacement surgery; **Andrew Struzik**, recovering from shoulder surgery; **Bob Solaz**; the homebound – **Emma Fengler**, **Harvey Pomerenk** and **Kay Dubin**.

We prayed for our family and friends: **Amy Alfano**, daughter of a friend of Audrey Paray, who has stage 3 ovarian cancer; **Ruby Beer**, Anita Beer's sister-in-law, diagnosed with stomach cancer and recovering from surgery; **Robert Butler**, Laura Dowling's father, hospitalized and going through tests; **Rhonda Deloge**, Tom's wife, recovering from neck surgery; **Linda Desabella**, friend of Patty Peterson, battling cancer; **Dorothy DeVed**, former Holy Cross member, for healing following a fall in which she injured her knee; **Marti Fischer**, cousin of Carol Burns, who is blind and paralyzed; **Kathy Gardner**, Jim Leslie's sister, recovering from cancer surgery; **Kay Geffert**, Kerry's mother, who fell and broke her hip and is recovering from surgery; **Walter Geffert**, brother of Nancy Sabol, recovering from colon surgery; **Abby Haggerty**, student at Christian Heritage School, for healing from another brain bleed; six-year-old **Caroline Herrington**, having digestive issues as she recovers from kidney-cancer surgery and readies for treatment; **Cindy Keegan**, a teacher at Christian Heritage School, going through chemo to treat pancreatic cancer, prayers of thanksgiving that tests have shown that the chemo is working to shrink the tumors; **Ramona Kondracki**, wife of a co-worker of Jim Leslie, who has begun chemotherapy for cancer in her sinus cavity; **Ellen Magnotta**, friend of Otto and Mary Atkinson; **Jean Matthews**, Chris Matthews' mother-in-law, following open heart surgery; **Joan Meyer**, friend of the Dietmans, in rehab following knee-replacement surgery.



During the past month, we also prayed for: **Gertrude Moran**, friend of Anita Schoch, going through treatments for lymphoma; **Patrick Murphy**, Pat Peterson's brother, diagnosed with liver cancer and recovering from surgery; **Chris O'Brien**, friend of Mary and Otto Atkinson, paralyzed as a result of an accident; **Joseph Parker**, Julianne Nyitrai's father, who underwent triple-bypass surgery; **Max Pizzolato**, for healing; **Luis Rivera**, friend of Doris Bernt, who had a lung transplant; **Sharon Robinson**, daughter of Anita Beer, recovering from surgery and will continue treatment for breast cancer; **Dagmar Rosenberg**, Ingrid Leibold's sister, suffering with pancreatic cancer and being assessed for a new treatment option; **Rev. Richard Schuller**, a missionary pastor in Puerto Rico, for healing from injuries he sustained when hit by a car; **Joey Senft**, cousin of the Senft family, with ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease); **David Sochacki**, friend of Nancy and Jerry Sabol, following brain surgery; **Mike Stachura**, friend of the Schrocks, with a relapse of kidney cancer, for effective radiation treatment to eliminate tumors and cancer cells; **Lorraine Tamas**, neighbor of the Leslies, who suffered a stroke; **Andy Turnbull**, Scott's brother, in remission from leukemia; **Craig Wilson**, son of a friend of John and Pat Deloge, recovering from tongue cancer surgery; **Rev. Gregory Wismar**, for healing from an outpatient procedure; **Priscilla Wismar**, Pastor's mom, recovering from hip-replacement surgery.

Other prayers for September were for: Protection for all those serving in the military, including **Michael Collins**, **Ryan Rubega**, **Ben Milositz** and **Timothy Benson Jr.**

If your friend or family member is on this list, keep us updated on his or her progress. When you have requests for prayers to be included in our worship services, you can e-mail the church office at [office@holycrosstrumbull.com](mailto:office@holycrosstrumbull.com) or phone 203-268-4555 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. weekdays. The Shepherds' Commission will also include the prayer requests in this monthly report. If you would like to be included in our e-mail Prayer Circle, please provide your name and e-mail address to the church office.

---GARY MESSERSCHMITT  
Shepherds' Commission

**THE POWER** of **PRAYER**

## COVENANT TO CARE CORNER

### **Heart-warming thank-you notes received; annual "Giving Tree" presented in late November**

This month I'd like to draw your attention to the Social Ministry bulletin board (to the left of the ladies room). Two weeks ago I received from Mimose Ulysses-Laurenard, Holy Cross' "adopted" DCF social worker, an envelope full of thank-you notes and cards from some of the children in her caseload. If you have a few minutes, read what a few of these children said after they received the new backpack filled with school supplies, given by Holy Cross members. A thank-you letter from Mimose is also posted. Your generosity makes an impact, and I wanted you all to know that helping these children makes a positive difference in their lives.



Also, as we all look forward to the end of this month we'll certainly be making preparations for the upcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons. I hope you will include in your hearts – and your gift-giving shopping list – one of the children that is under the care of DCF through the Covenant to Care for

Children program. By the end of November, Mimose will provide me with the list of children under her care. Before giving us her list, she will sit with each child/teen to try to find out what toys (or other items for the older kids) they most desire. For many of the children, this will be the only Christmas gift he or she will receive. In early October Mimose had 27 children under her care, but this number can vary from week to week. So as the month of November winds down, please look in the narthex for the Christmas "Giving Tree."

Yours in Christ,

---MARY SCHROCK

Covenant to Care Liaison

## THANKS A BUNCH!

This column recognizes the gifts of time and talent our church members provide to do God's work in our church and community. If you have an item to include in this monthly "thank you" column, please jot it down and put it in the "newsletter" mailbox.

To **all those who brought a side dish or dessert** to the Sept. 20 Church Picnic, with special thanks to those that helped with various tasks to carry out this annual event: **Donna and Dave Bogen, Jim Finch, Billie and Edith Skoog and Laurie Vaitkus** and her son **Joey**. Thanks also to **Greg Dowling, Andrew Struzik and Rick Van Wart**, who served as the grill-masters!

To **Jim and Lorraine Finch** for planning the Sept. 26 Pasta Dinner. The Finch couple had help with set-up, cooking, serving, front-door greeting and/or clean-up from **Anna Mae Berger, Bob and Carol Burns, Rachel Dennerlein, Donna DiLalla, George Hermes, Audrey Paray, David and Mary Ann Schiller, Mary Schrock, Emily and Kathryn Struzik, and Barbara White**. Thanks also to **all those who helped with dessert baking and clean-up!** Many hands made for light work and this event raised just over \$750 for the Parsonage Renovation Fund.

To **Linda Suhr** who serves Holy Cross by helping with church-office tasks every Thursday morning.

The Holy Cross Pictorial Directory required a lot of coordination and we thank the following people who helped with picture sign-ups, phone calling, picture-day hosting, layout and information gathering: **Jim and Kim Atkinson, Otto Atkinson, Anna Mae Berger, Donna Bogen, Kathy Boivie, Pat Deloge, Donna DiLalla, Nancy Dolan, Sherry Duff, Jim and Lorraine Finch, Kerry Geffert, Audrey Paray, Gail Rice, Donna Senft, Mary Schrock, Linda Suhr, Barbara White and Miharu Wismar**.

To the Holy Cross members who helped with either shopping, cooking or serving at the October 6 Community Supper at St. John's Episcopal-Bridgeport: **Anna Mae Berger, Sherry Duff, Jim Leslie, Nancy Sabol, David and Mary Ann Schiller, Laurie and Joey Vaitkus, and Miharu and Pastor Wismar**.



**AS SEEN ON A CHURCH SIGN...  
"FORBIDDEN FRUIT CREATES MANY JAMS!"**

## WORDS FOR THANKSGIVING

### **Thanksgiving Beatitudes...**

*Be thankful* that you don't already have everything you desire. If you did, what would there be to look forward to?

*Be thankful* when you don't know something, for it gives you the opportunity to learn.

*Be thankful* for the difficult times. During those times you grow.

*Be thankful* for your limitations, because they give you opportunities for improvement.

*Be thankful* for each new challenge, because it will build your strength and character.

*Be thankful* for your mistakes. They will teach you valuable lessons.

*Be thankful* when you're tired and weary, because it means you've made a difference.

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## CHURCH CHUCKLES



## CELEBRATING NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



<b>Nov. 1:</b>	<b>KYLE HELMINGER</b>	<b>Nov. 14:</b>	<b>JON HALLS</b>
<b>Nov. 2:</b>	<b>GAVIN DOWLING</b>	<b>Nov. 15:</b>	<b>RYAN MATTHEWS</b>
<b>Nov. 3:</b>	<b>KRISTEN CERONE</b>	<b>Nov. 16:</b>	<b>BERNICE ERICKSON</b>
	<b>PEGGY LIPTACK</b>		<b>JOEY VAITKUS</b>
	<b>ALEX RICCIO</b>	<b>Nov. 17:</b>	<b>LUKE WISMAR</b>
	<b>ALEXIS RODRIGUEZ</b>	<b>Nov. 18:</b>	<b>CHRISTINE MATTHEWS</b>
<b>Nov. 5:</b>	<b>LYDIA STRUZIK</b>	<b>Nov. 22:</b>	<b>STEPHEN SEDERQUEST</b>
<b>Nov. 6:</b>	<b>OTTO ATKINSON</b>	<b>Nov. 24:</b>	<b>MATT SATHER</b>
<b>Nov. 7:</b>	<b>MICHAEL ANTONIOU</b>		<b>HARALD DALE</b>
	<b>KEVIN CONTE</b>		<b>EMMA GENTRY</b>
<b>Nov. 9:</b>	<b>SIGOURNEY NORMAN</b>	<b>Nov. 25:</b>	<b>KEITH CHIRGWIN</b>
<b>Nov. 11:</b>	<b>BOB BURNS</b>	<b>Nov. 30:</b>	<b>ANTHONY DELMEDICO</b>
	<b>DYLAN CHIRGWIN</b>		<b>CRAIG MONES</b>
	<b>JODY KNIGHT</b>		<b>LINDA SUHR</b>
<b>Nov. 12:</b>	<b>INGRID CERONE</b>		<b>NORINE ZALENSKI</b>
	<b>JOANNE TARDY</b>		