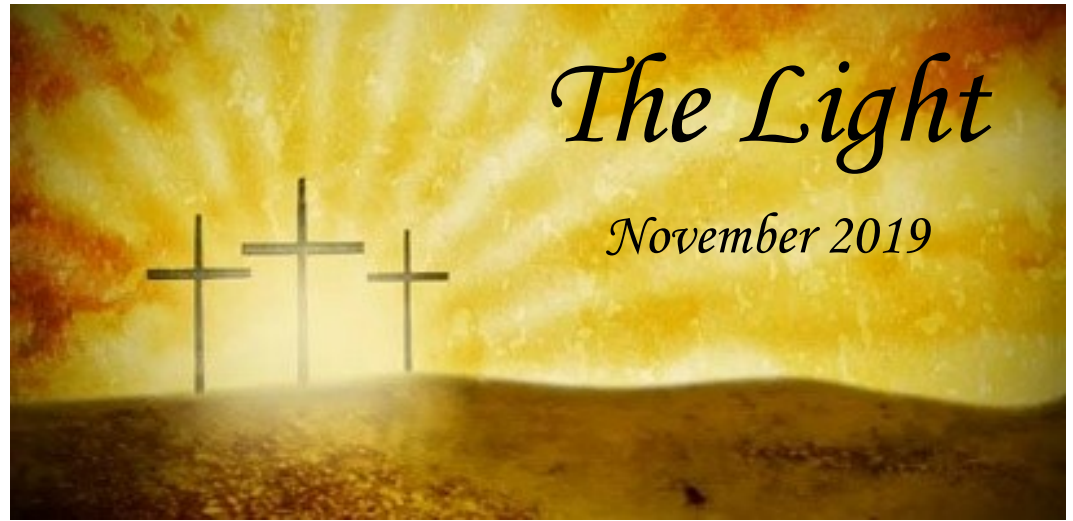


The Light

November 2019



EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Pastor Jon Salminen
(Senior Pastor)

Pastor Nathan Misch
(Associate Pastor)

Pastor David Johnson
(Pastor of Music Ministries)



Annual Church Picnic
Sunday, November 17
@ Centennial Park
(after church)

Come rain or shine!
If it rains we'll move to the AFLC.
Hope to see you there!

We will be serving hot dogs and hamburgers. Bring your favorite outdoor game and lawn chair/picnic blanket to sit on and come fellowship with your church family. Invite a friend!

If you want to help with the event
or with food donations, sign up at:
www.ShiningTheLight.org



As you consider your financial offering to the church, you should also think about how you can use your time and abilities at Epiphany Lutheran Church. EVERYONE has an ability that they can use for God.

Do you like to talk to others? Our shut-ins would love a call or a visit from you. Contact the church office for information about our shut-ins.

Are you retired with time on your hands? We have members who need rides to the doctor for appointments or to the hospital for treatments. Contact the church office to be put on a list to provide transportation. Also, every eight weeks, Epiphany members deliver meals to shut-ins in the Pearland area. It only takes 2 1/2 to 3 hours one day during that week and it is greatly appreciated. Contact Lillian Barath to be added to the schedule.

Do you enjoy meeting new people? The Usher Ministry needs you! As an usher you would greet worshipers and give them service bulletins, assist worshippers in finding seating as needed, assist worshippers as needed in leaving and returning to the service, gather the offering, direct traffic flow during communion, count all service attendees, collect attendance registers and ready the church for additional services. You are asked to serve only own Sunday per month at the service you typically attend. If you are interested in serving as an usher, please contact Jeff Hartwig.

Do you feel called to be a missionary? You can be a missionary without saying a word or needing a passport when you participate in Bible Marking. We spread the gospel message by marking scripture verses that lead the way to salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. The marked Bibles are donated to LINC and other ministries. The Bible Marking group meets the first and the third Monday of every month in room 207 of the AFLC from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Daugherty.

As we head into November, I can't help but think about Thanksgiving Day. Several years ago, when Bethany was just a little girl, the Lord reminded me what a thankful heart looks like. She came racing into the house yelling: "Daddy! Daddy!" I ran to see what all the commotion was about thinking that maybe Daniel or one of the neighbor children had been injured. To my surprise, Bethany grabbed my hand pulled me into the front yard and directed my attention skyward.



"Look Daddy," she said, "a rainbow! Isn't it beautiful?" It was indeed a beautiful sight, but it wasn't nearly as beautiful as my daughter's reaction. She was overwhelmed by it! So much so that she just had to share it with others. In fact, after grabbing Linda and Daniel and showing them the rainbow, she remained in the front yard pointing it out to anyone and everyone that happened to be passing by our house.

I believe that is the kind of spontaneous thankfulness God wants to work in our hearts. The Psalmist wrote, "Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done. Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts." (Psalm 105:1-2)

We surely do have something to sing about, don't we? As God's people we have reason to "Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart" to the Lord who blesses us more than we could ever expect or even imagine. We have great news to share with anyone and everyone that happens to come into our lives. God is at work doing marvelous things for His people. God is at work leading the way for Epiphany to move forward so that we can be faithful to our Lord's command to "Go and make Disciples of all nations, by baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." (Matthew 28:19-20)

I'm excited and thankful for all that Jesus has done and is doing for His people at Epiphany. I am overwhelmed with thankfulness when I think of all the people God has brought into my life over the years here at Epiphany. I am thankful for the new faces that have been coming to Epiphany. I am thankful that each week hundreds of people gather for worship at Epiphany. I am thankful for the number of people involved in ministry at Epiphany. I am thankful for all the people who support the ministry of the congregation, by using their time, talents and treasures for God's glory. I am thankful for the wonderful people I work with at Epiphany, who make serving as a pastor here so much fun and a blessing. The list could go on and on and on.

How about you? Do you have any reason to be thankful? If not, you probably need to direct your vision skyward for a while and look at how God is at work not only in creation but in your life as well. Then I'll guarantee you there will be something (more than likely a lot of things) to be thankful for; before you know it, you'll be sharing it with others too.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Pastor Jon

Grieving?

Know someone who is?



Surviving the Holidays
Saturday, November 9, 2019
(One day only!)
12:45 - 2:45 p.m.
Sanctuary

GriefShare: Surviving the Holidays is a helpful, encouraging seminar for people facing the holidays after a loved one's death. It is a two-hour special event that functions just like a typical GriefShare session.

The seminar features video interviews with counselors, grief experts, and other people who have experienced the holidays after their loved one's death and who offer practical suggestions and reassurance. These people share honestly about:

- ♦ Being prepared for surprising emotions that may hit over the holidays
- ♦ What to do about traditions and other coming changes
- ♦ How to handle holiday parties and invitations
- ♦ How to survive potentially awkward moments with other people
- ♦ Where to find comfort, strength and hope in a seemingly hopeless time

Those who attend will receive a Survival Guide filled with practical tips, encouraging words, journaling ideas and exercises for daily help through the holiday season.

Please let us know you'll be attending so we have enough Survival Guides for everyone! Contact Cindy at 281-485-7833 or cindy@epiphanypearland.org to register.



A Place of Grace and Belonging

Women's Fellowship Group was inspired by the desire for the women of our church to have a time to gather together and grow as Sisters in Christ. A time for spiritual strengthening, deeper connection and fun!

Each fellowship night will include:

- A Bible study led by one of our leaders.
- Fellowship time over a potluck meal.
- A fun activity themed for the month.

All women ages 18+ are invited to join us the third Thursday of month from 7:00pm-8:30pm in room 202 of the AFLC.

Questions? EpiphanyWFG@gmail.com

We can't wait to see you there!!

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP



November 21

7:00 p.m., AFLC 202

Christmas Ornaments

& Favorite Dish Potluck

Bring a favorite dish (and its recipe) to share and join us for an evening of learning & fun! Recipes will be made into a holiday cookbook and e-mailed out after the meeting.

This month's devotional theme is hospitality. We will also be making ornaments; one ornament for an Epiphany homebound member and one to keep!



Sing unto the Lord a NEW SONG!

Extraordinary music!

Listen!

"Go to Him in Bethlehem" - Pepper Choplin (on YouTube)

"IV. Gloria In Excelsis (from LUX)" - Dan Forrest (on YouTube)

Join the Adult Choir in preparation for the Advent Christmas Season.

Rehearsals Wednesday evenings 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Rehearsals begin October 30!





Light Fest

WORK DAYS

November 16 | Build Day | 9:00 a.m. - noon

Come help us expand our light display for Light Fest by painting, building and preparing displays to set up at the end of November!

November 30 | Light Setup | 9:00 a.m. - noon

Come help turn our campus into a beautiful light display! We'll string lights, set up light structures and transform the building. Many hands are needed!




Light Fest

AT EPIPHANY

Saturday, December 14

6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

*An evening of food, music, children's activities,
living nativity and LIGHTS!*



Wednesdays: December 4 , December 11, December 18

MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES

4:30 & 7:00 p.m.

Sanctuary

FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

5:15 - 6:30 p.m.

Family Life Center



CHRISTMAS SERVICE TIMES

CHRISTMAS EVE (TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24)

3:00 p.m. (in the sanctuary) with bells and the youth choir

5:00 p.m. (in the AFLC) our contemporary Christmas service

7:00 p.m. (in the sanctuary) with adult choir and brass ensemble

9:00 p.m. (in the sanctuary) with instruments and Holy Communion

CHRISTMAS DAY (WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25)

10:00 a.m. (in the sanctuary) with Holy Communion

IT'S A PARADE!

Pearland Hometown Christmas Parade
Saturday, December 7, 2019
6:00 p.m.

The route will travel east on FM 518.
The parade begins at Old Alvin Road and ends at Pearland Parkway.

The theme is "Toy-Land" and Epiphany's float will be a giant Lite-Brite!
Save the date and come and watch the parade!

THE CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE

... and that means it's time for baking and enjoying those wonderful Christmas cookies.

Epiphany's LWML will hold the annual cookie sale in the narthex beginning December 11 from 5:15 - 6:15 p.m. (after the 4:30 p.m. Advent Service) and again from 7:45 - 8:45 p.m. (after the 7:00 p.m. Advent Service). The sale will continue Thursday and Friday, December 12 and 13 from 9:00 a.m. – noon during the Mother's Day Out hours.

Decorated cans and/or bags will be sold for \$5 and \$10 and filled with the cookies of your choice. Once again, we are asking for help with the baking and donation of cookies to help make our sale a success. All funds raised will be donated to a mission project. Thank you again for your continued support.

Questions should be directed to Linda Easto in the church office or LWML President, Tammy Earley.

ADVENT MEALS

It's that special time again when we gather together on Wednesday evenings during the Advent Season to enjoy the food and fellowship provided by our church friends.

Meals will take place between the worship services from 5:15 - 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday nights. The dates for this year's Advent meals are December 4, 11 and 18. You can choose what to serve on the date of your choice. Would you, your ministry or small group volunteer for one of the dinners? Please use this opportunity to serve our Lord and Epiphany. **WE HONESTLY WON'T BE ABLE TO DO IT WITHOUT YOU!**

If you are interested in coordinating a meal, please contact Cindy Eppelheimer in the church office at 281-485-7833.

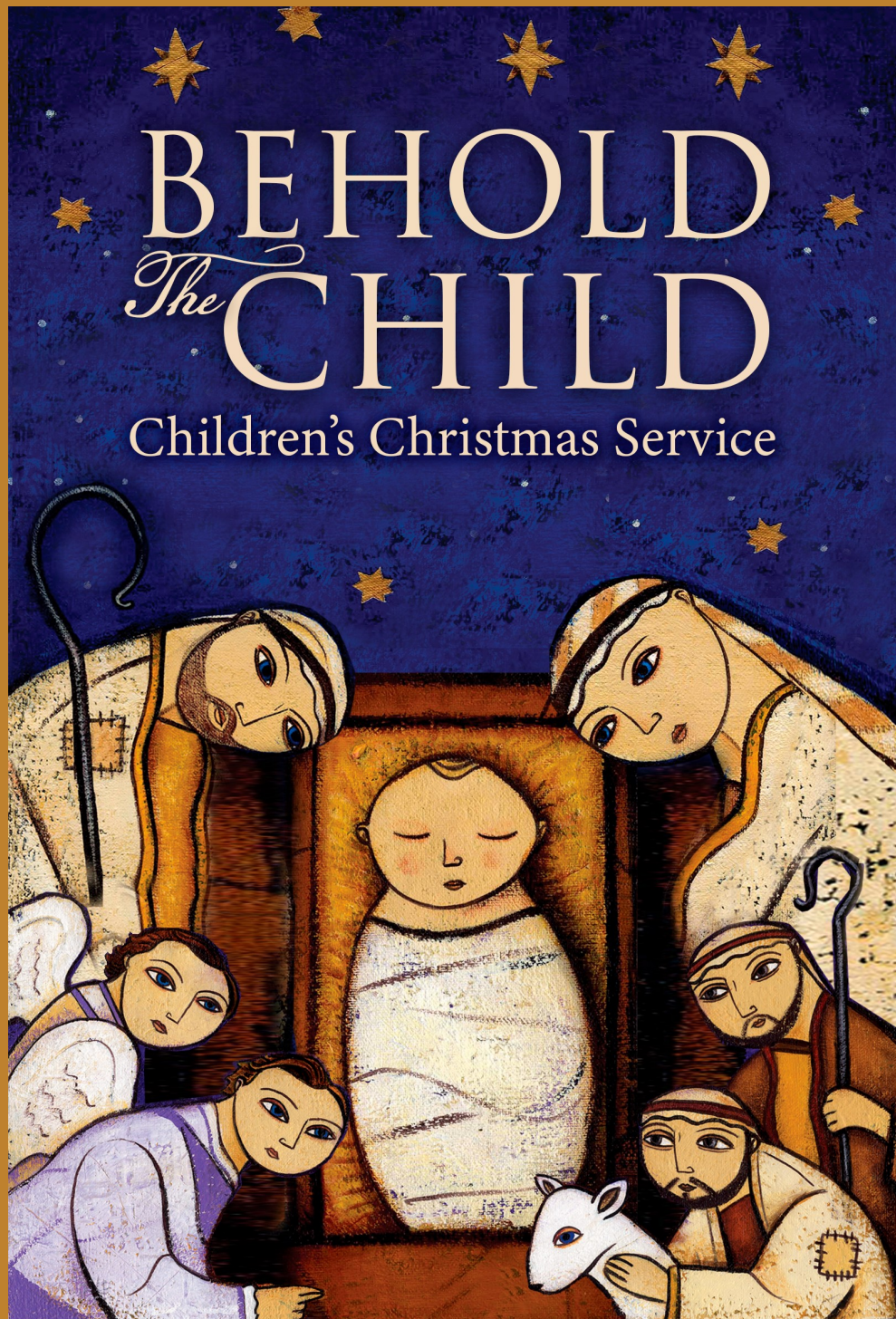
THE GIVING TREE

This holiday season Epiphany will support the Christmas gift needs of Glocal Mission. Glocal Mission is a multi-ethnic network of disciples of Jesus committed to intentionally seek the lost, disciple the found and multiply disciple makers and churches locally (Houston, TX) and globally (USA and around the world) with the caring love of God.

Tags will light the trees on Sunday, November 17 in the narthex and the AFLC. Please pull one or two tags and fulfill the needs or wants. Glocal has asked for all gifts to be wrapped. Please return the wrapped gifts to either the tree in the narthex or the tree in the AFLC no later than Sunday, December 8.

Thank you for being a blessing to this important ministry. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Ward.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 || 10:30 A.M. || GYM



The children from Epiphany's Sunday School (3 years-6th grade) and Mother's Day Out Program join together to share the Good News of Christmas. The Sunday School children will be learning the songs during Sunday School in November and will have a special practice on Saturday, December 7 from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Contact Pastor David for more information.



Paint Wars

7th Grade Welcome

Sunday, November 3

7TH-12TH GRADERS

6 TO 8 PM

FAMILY LIFE CENTER Room 204

Friends welcome!

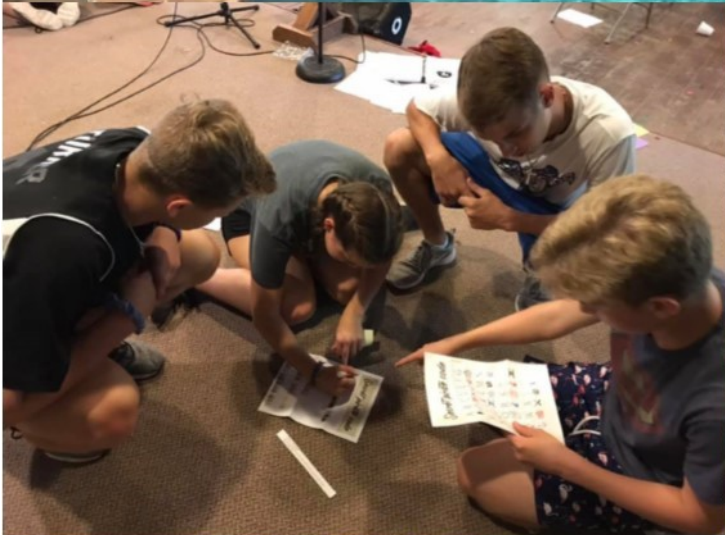


fall

RETREAT

September 27-29, Epiphany's youth headed to Camp Pineywoods for our annual fall retreat. The weekend included zip lines, water fun, campfires and more. Most importantly, it was an opportunity to study God's Word, worship and build relationships with one another. Thanks to all our adult volunteers who made it possible!







BIRTHDAYS

11/02 Wesley Gordon
 11/02 Sharla Ortiz
 11/03 Kelly Cmaidalka
 11/03 Michael Jardon
 11/03 Laura Russo
 11/03 David Hay
 11/03 Patrick Kramer
 11/04 Susan Karloski
 11/04 Buster Keasler
 11/04 Chris Wuensche
 11/04 John Graham
 11/05 Gary Wilson
 11/06 Georganna Triplett
 11/06 Johnathan Nester
 11/07 Debra Sanford
 11/07 Burnia Oller
 11/08 Miracle Hilliard
 11/08 Al Lentz
 11/09 Linda Tschoepe
 11/09 Kim Piel
 11/10 Julia Parrack
 11/10 Lyn Wolff
 11/10 Teresa Spurling
 11/11 Melchor Garza
 11/11 Jerry Langer
 11/12 Ryan Pontifes
 11/12 Elijah Ward
 11/12 Jonesy Chauvot
 11/14 Pat Succop
 11/14 Susan Whitehead
 11/14 Becky Keasler
 11/14 Ronnie Patke
 11/14 Bob Plitt
 11/14 Scott Gilbertson
 11/15 Jason Gutierrez
 11/16 Lisa Davis
 11/16 Emily Van Maaren
 11/16 Leigh Ann Moore
 11/18 Jack Ostermaier
 11/18 Melissa McDonald
 11/19 Amy Heer
 11/19 Deborah Nester
 11/20 Fran Wukasch
 11/20 Joyce Walker
 11/20 Elizabeth Cornelius

11/21 Karson Allen
 11/21 Mikensie Crews
 11/21 Alyssa Moore
 11/23 Erika DiLuca
 11/24 Diana Langer
 11/24 Alex Tews
 11/25 Tara Joergens
 11/25 Kalista Smith
 11/25 C.J. DuBois
 11/26 Michael Ortiz
 11/27 David Klewer
 11/27 Cecelia Ganje
 11/27 Tony Davis
 11/28 Ruby Troyer
 11/28 Flash Gordon
 11/29 Rick O'Connor
 11/30 Olivia McDonald
 11/30 Ginger Green
 11/30 Amanda Underwood



Anniversaries

ANNIVERSARIES

11/03 Steve & Debbie Dawson
 11/04 Thomas & Carol Kidd
 11/06 Wesley & Heather Gordon
 11/06 Dennis & Evelyn Rohne
 11/11 David & Lisa Maly
 11/11 Adam & Megan St. Romain
 11/13 Rob & Tricia Robinson
 11/13 Kelly & Lynn Tharp
 11/14 Cash & Jessica Elston
 11/19 Danny & Amanda Underwood
 11/20 Frank & Annette Tausch
 11/22 Gabriel & Jennifer Barrera
 11/23 John & Trisha Meiller
 11/28 Buster & Becky Keasler



BAPTISM

Andrew Kevin Scott Reed
 October 20, 2019



There's
 Room
 for
YOU!

**WE'RE
 SAVING A
 SEAT FOR
 YOU!
 COME JOIN
 US!**

**Voters' Meeting & Lunch
 Sunday
 November 10, 2019
 AFLC Gym
 (after the late services)**

This meeting will conclude the
 budget process with the
 members' approval.

**LET'S HAVE A RECORD
 TURNOUT FOR THIS VERY
 IMPORTANT MEETING!**



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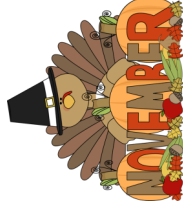
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Sunday Morning Schedule:

8:00 am - Traditional Worship Service-sanctuary
 9:15 am - Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
 10:30 am - Blended Worship Service-sanctuary
 10:30 am - The Light Worship Service-AFLC

*WOR: Worship

COM: Worship with Communion
 SS: Sunday School
 ABC: Adult Bible Class



NOVEMBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS NOVEMBER 3! DON'T FORGET TO SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK!</p> <p>3 COM/SS & ABC/COM/WOR* All Saints' Day LWML Mite Box Sunday 9:00-10:15am Blood Pressure Screenings 9:15am-201 Class-202 9:15am-New Member Class-203 11:45am-Orchestra Practice-sanctuary 11:45am-Youth Choir/Praise Teens-203 2:00-4:00pm-Basketball-gym 6:00-8:00pm-Confirmation 6:00-8:00pm-Paint Wars-204 (7th-12th grades)</p>	<p>4 Announcements Due! 9:30am-Ladies' Bible Study-203 10:00-11:30am-Bible Markers-207</p> <p>6:45pm-GriefShare-sanctuary 7:00pm-IFC-ESL Classes-203</p> <p>11 Announcements Due! 9:30am-Goodtimers-104 9:30am-Ladies' Bible Study-203</p> <p>6:45pm-GriefShare-sanctuary 7:00pm-IFC-ESL Classes-203</p> <p>18 Announcements Due! 9:00am-Quilting-202 10:00-11:30am-Bible Markers-207 9:30am-Ladies' Bible Study-203</p> <p>6:45pm-GriefShare-sanctuary 7:00pm-IFC-ESL Classes-203</p> <p>25 Announcements Due! No Ladies' Bible Study! 6:45pm-GriefShare-sanctuary 7:00pm-IFC-ESL Classes-203</p>	<p>5 9-2 MDO 9:15am-IFC-ESL Classes-203</p> <p>4:00pm-Bible Study-202</p> <p>12 9-2 MDO 9:15am-IFC-ESL Classes-203</p> <p>4:00pm-Bible Study-202</p> <p>19 9-2 MDO 9:15am-IFC-ESL Classes-203</p> <p>4:00pm-Bible Study-202</p> <p>26 No MDO! 9:15am-IFC-ESL Classes-203</p> <p>4:00pm-Bible Study-202</p>	 <p>6 9-2 MDO</p> <p>6:30pm-Praise Team-sanctuary 7:30pm-Adult Choir-sanctuary</p> <p>13 9-2 MDO</p> <p>6:30pm-Praise Team-sanctuary 7:30pm-Adult Choir-sanctuary</p> <p>20 9-2 MDO</p> <p>6:30pm-Praise Team-sanctuary 7:30pm-Adult Choir-sanctuary</p> <p>6:30pm-Praise Team-sanctuary 7:30pm-Adult Choir-sanctuary</p> <p>27 No MDO! 9:00am-Quilting-202</p> <p>Thanksgiving Eve Services w/communion Noon & 7:00pm</p>	<p>DECEMBER NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE NOVEMBER 10!</p> <p>7 9-2 MDO 9:15am-LifeLight-203</p> <p>6:45pm-The Light Worship Team -AFLC 7:00pm-Handbells -sanctuary</p> <p>14 9-2 MDO</p> <p>6:45pm-The Light Worship Team -AFLC 7:00pm-Handbells -sanctuary</p> <p>21 9-2 MDO 6:45pm-The Light Worship Team -AFLC 7:00pm-Handbells -sanctuary 7:00pm-Women's Fellowship Group -202</p> <p>28 No MDO! Holiday-Church Office Closed!</p>	<p>1 9-2 MDO</p> <p>8 9-2 MDO 5:30am-Men's Bible Study Group -MB kitchen</p> <p>15 9-2 MDO</p> <p>22 9-2 MDO 5:30am-Men's Bible Study Group -MB kitchen</p> <p>29 No MDO! Holiday-Church Office Closed!</p>	<p>2 Fall Landscaping Day 8:00am-Noon</p> <p>9 7:30am-Men's Bible Breakfast-203 9:15am-Elders' Meeting-203 GriefShare Surviving the Holidays 12:45-2:45pm Sanctuary</p> <p>16 Light Fest Build Day 9:00am-Noon</p> <p>23 9:30am-LWML Meeting-203</p> <p>30 8:00am-noon-Altar Guild Christmas Setup Light Fest Light Setup 9:00am-Noon</p>

HAPPY

Thanksgiving

JOIN US FOR

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICES

(with communion)

NOVEMBER 27, 2019

NOON & 7:00 P.M.

SANCTUARY

GOD'S RICHEST BLESSINGS TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY