

November 6, 2011

Breeze thru the Leaves



THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Sunday, November 6

Sr. Youth – after 2nd service
Confirmation – 1 PM

Monday, November 7

All Boards – 7 PM

Tuesday, November 8

Young at Heart – 11:30 AM
Concordia University – E2/E7&8 – 4:45-8:45 PM

Wednesday, November 9

Bells – 7 PM

Thursday, November 10

Bible Study – 10:00 AM
Choir – 7 PM

Friday, November 11

Saturday, November 12

Men's Breakfast – 7:30 AM
Trustee's Meeting – 9 AM
Lutheran Social Services – E7&8 - 10 AM – 1 PM

Sunday, November 13

Confirmation – 1 PM

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

For 10-30-11

Living Praise Service - 61
Traditional Service - 56
Sunday School - 44

Offerings

General: \$5,634, \$3,445, \$4,411, \$2,892, **\$3,130**
(Needed each week: \$ 5,068)

General for this month: \$19,512
(Needed for October: \$ 25,340)

"Growing Towards the Future": \$517
(Debt Retirement Fund)

This week's Mission Support Tithe: \$313



DID YOU KNOW...?

The Tree of Life Cookbooks are in!!!

TEXAS PARTNERS IN MISSION PRESENTS...

A Glimpse of Heaven on Earth

November 6, 2011

6 – 8 PM

Messiah Lutheran Church, Plano

Join us for an evening of celebrating what God is doing in North Texas through our LCMS missionaries!

Come enjoy ethnic food and music and hear about the innovative outreach going on in North Texas!

OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

Altar Guild has a great opportunity for someone who would like to work behind the scenes caring for Pastor's robes and acolyte albs. Care is given on an "as needed" basis. Dorothy Hohenberger has performed this labor of love for many years and would now like to pass the torch – or better said, the iron. If you would like information, have questions or are ready to offer your time and services, please talk with Dorothy or Lee Wilson.

Young at Heart

Young at Heart will meet Tuesday, Nov 8th at 11:30 AM at church. Please bring a dish to share for our potluck.



Sunday, Nov. 20th
following
the 2nd Service



Nominating
Committee

TREE OF LIFE NEEDS YOU!

EVERY SINGLE CHURCH MEMBER HAS A GOD GIVEN ROLE HERE AT TREE.

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE IS CURRENTLY LOOKING FOR PEOPLE TO SERVE ON THE VARIOUS BOARDS AND AS CHURCH OFFICERS.

PLEASE PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER YOUR ROLE HERE AT TREE. 1 CORINTHIANS 12 DIRECTLY ADDRESSES SPIRITUAL GIFTS AND HOW ALL ARE IMPORTANT TO THE CHURCH. IF YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOUR ROLE MIGHT BE, WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO TALK TO OTHER BOARD MEMBERS AND SEE HOW YOU WOULD FIT IN AND HOW YOU CAN HELP. THE CURRENT BOARD CHAIRS ARE: DEBORA LIVINGSTON, FELLOWSHIP; BOB GREEN, STEWARDSHIP; CHRIS GIBBS, OUTREACH; MARY MOBLEY, EDUCATION; KARA JANDER, YOUTH; DAVID WILLIAMS, TRUSTEES.

IF INTERESTED IN SERVING, CONTACT THE BOARD CHAIRPERSON OR DAVID JANDER, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE.



TREE OF LIFE COOKBOOKS ARE IN!

The much anticipated Tree of Life Cookbooks have finally arrived! These will make great gifts for family, friends, and anyone who loves to cook those tried-and-true family recipes. The cost is \$10.50 each, but if you purchase 5 or more the cost is \$10 each. Don't delay – purchase yours before they are all gone!



Fall Festival

A HUGE hug goes out to all of you who donated time, treats, or treasures to our Fall Festival. This type of event would not be possible without the INCREDIBLE support of all of you!!!

God Bless!



Thanksgiving DINNER

The Board of Fellowship is hosting a Thanksgiving Dinner for church family and friends on Saturday, November 19th at 1:00 pm.

Turkey, desserts and drinks will be provided. Please bring your favorite side dish (such as cranberries, dressing, sweet potatoes, etc...) to share.

Please feel free to bring your favorite game if you would like to stay longer.

A sign-up sheet is on the table by the Nursery. Dead line is November 13th.

Thank You,
The Board of Fellowship

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

There will be a Thanksgiving Eve service here at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, November 23rd.

Please make plans to come and worship our Lord and give Him thanks for all the many blessings He gives to us.

WHITE ROCK CENTER OF HOPE

White Rock Center of Hope is in need of soups and canned meats. **They are also in desperate need of coats, especially for adults.** Bring them to church, place them in the White Rock box on the table by the office, and Jan Keitch will deliver it to White Rock. Thank you in advance for helping those in need! Also, **White Rock is holding an Open House on Nov. 12th from 11AM - 1PM.** Come out and see the love of Christ in action!

THANKS

White Rock Center of Hope sends their thanks to all of you for your generous donations. With the struggling economy, the need for food, clothing, and other services is tremendous and your support is greatly appreciated.

BEARING FRUIT FOR JESUS

It is exciting to inform you that our stewardship theme for this year is **Bearing Fruit for Jesus: His Grace and Power at Work Within You.** This will begin on Sunday November 6th. The following is an introduction to what God's Word says about bearing fruit:

Jesus said, *"Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you, unless you abide in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me, and I in him, he bears much fruit; for apart from Me you can do nothing"* (John 15:4-5). Fruit characterizes the life of the Christian steward. It is interesting to note that, in this passage above, Jesus did not say, "You should bear fruit." He stated that when we abide in Him, it follows naturally that we will bear fruit.

Paul explained to the Galatians what that fruit is: *"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness, and self-control."* *"Since we live by the Spirit,"* Paul exhorted, *"let us keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other"* (Galatians 5:25-26). As children of God, we have this fruit because His Spirit lives in us. We do not bear fruit as a result of our own efforts, but we do cease to bear fruit when we give in to our sinful natures, becoming, in Paul's words, *"conceited, provoking and envying each other"*.

Just as fruit needs light for its growth and maturation, so do Christians need to have their lives illumined by Christ. They then are able to produce spiritual fruit and shed that light on the world around them. Ephesians 5:11 cautions us to, *"Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness"* but to *"Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) and find out what pleases the Lord"* (Ephesians 5:8-9).

We discover God's will through His Word and through prayer. As Paul prayed for the Colossians, we, too, can ask God *"to fill [us] with the knowledge of His will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding . . . in order that [we] may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please Him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work . . ."* (Colossians 1:9-10).

God has plans and uses for our lives. When we abide in Christ, we will be fruitful. We will discover and follow His plan, and we will use the gifts He has given us in ministry to the people of the world.

Sermon titles for the series:

[November 6th](#) - "Begin With the End in Mind: Living as Fruitful Stewards in Time"

[November 13th](#) - "Using What You've Got"

[November 20th](#) - "First Things First"

ITEMS NEEDED

Allie Banda is seeking the following items: electric wheelchair, walker, potty seat with back, and a power chair. If you have any of these items available please contact Allie at 972-613-6927 (home) or 972-841-1549 (cell).