

The Angel's Breath



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FROM THE VICAR'S DESK

“For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it.” Matthew 16:25.

The end of the year will soon be upon us. The time for making decisions about how we can best serve God and this church in the coming year will also soon be upon us. When Jesus talked about losing one’s life for him, he was talking about shifting focus from the worldly to the divine. It was a call to service.

What special gifts has God given you? How can you use those gifts to serve God and the Church?

We don’t always see the impact of our service. That doesn’t make the impact less real or the service less important. Each and every one of us has a special gift from God. Each and every one of us has the ability to impact those around, and in turn the world.

I am asking each and every one of you to put thought and prayer into how you can serve this church going into 2019.

Humbly yours in the service of God,

Vicar Dan Simmons



UGLY QUILTS: We meet Mondays at 7:00 pm. We will meet Monday, November 12th, then we will take a 2 week break for Thanksgiving and the Parade.

As always, we need blankets, hand towels, and ties.

Sandy Noland



BIBLE JOURNALING CLASS

Bible Journaling is held at AOJ on Thursdays, 4:00pm-5:30pm. We look at a different scripture each week. Some participants create their own interpretive artwork, while others try new projects and techniques as presented. Come join us for crafting, fun, and fellowship.

Charlotte Squyres

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

11/6 Jonathan Squyres
 11/10 Doug Richardson
 11/13 Yvonne Garrison
 11/15 Deborah Shade
 11/17 Angela Duncan
 11/17 Jackie Brown
 11/19 John Owens
 11/20 Bill Berry
 11/28 Ruth Martin



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

None at this time.

(We ask for your assistance: Please notify the church office of any incorrect or missing birthdays or anniversaries so we can keep our lists current.)



THE CHRISTMAS PARADE AND FLOAT

We will have a Christmas float in the Main Street Annual Lighted Christmas Parade on Monday, November 26, 2018. The parade is from 6pm-8:30pm.

See Autumn for details on how you can help.



THE PRAYER CHAIN

The prayer chain is being coordinated by Diana Russell. If you have a prayer request you can contact her at her home phone number 634-4272 (you can leave a message if she is not available to answer), text her on her cell phone 936-414-3944, or send her an email: dianarus1969@gmail.com.

Daisy Oehler, Elizabeth Lamb, Millie Fuchs, Melinda Greene, Russ Peterson, Andrea Barfield, Kathy Ivy, Pam Ashford, Bill Conrad, Tina and Don Beldon, Bill Conrad, and Britta Robison.

All those serving in the military: Bryan Weems (US Marines), Daniel Novak (US Navy), Blaine Berry (US Navy), Brian Clifton (US Military), Rusty Gregory (US Military)



CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Your church council met October 23rd and we are happy to report the church is looking good. The sanctuary is painted and the alter area has beautiful carpet. Other repairs are in progress. During the months of November and December we will collect items for Harold's House. And, Trunk or Treat is set for October 31st and we will start the Christmas season with a float in the Christmas parade. *Sybil Gonzales*

The November Council meeting will be on Sunday, the 18th at 1:00 pm after the church service.

Our Congregational meeting will be on December 9th immediately after the church service.

Council elections: Council positions will be coming open the end of this year except for the secretary position, education position and of course treasurer (Mikie's position). Please be thinking how you can serve this congregation.



MISSION PROJECT FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER:

*Harold's House
East Texas Alliance for Children*

Harold's House provides the following services free of charge for their child clients and their non-offending family members: Forensic Services, Advocacy Services, Counseling Services, and Education & Outreach services (a variety of topics are offered pertaining to Child Abuse.)

We will be collecting the following items to be delivered to their offices:

- Paper towels
- Facial Tissue
- Toilet Paper
- Copy Paper
- Cleaning Supplies
- Hand Soap
- Hand Sanitizer
- Air Freshener
- Individually Wrapped Snacks
- Juice Boxes
- Coffee K-Cups

Brandi Simmons



CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmation class is meeting after the church service in the class room across from the office every Sunday.



HAM & CHEESE SLIDERS (Honey Bun) From Nancy Stephan

- 1 to 2 dozen small dinner rolls, or enough to fill 9"X 13" pan (18-24)
- 1-pound ham, sliced
- 1/2-pound Swiss cheese, sliced
- 1 stick butter
- 2 Tbsp brown sugar
- 1 Tbsp prepared mustard
- 1 Tbsp Worcestershire sauce
- 1 Tbsp Poppy Seeds

Cut dinner rolls in half. Place the bottom of the rolls in pan and top with the ham, then the cheese. *(It is okay that the ham & cheese will overlap the rolls.)* Top with the top layer of rolls. **(Note: I take a sharp knife and cut the rolls apart at this point.)**

Next melt the butter with the brown sugar, mustard, Worcestershire sauce & Poppy seeds in pan on stove. Bring to a boil and pour over the sandwiches. Cover and refrigerate 2 hours or overnight. Bake in 350-degree oven for 15 to 20 minutes or golden brown. Cheese will melt buns together so cut apart again and serve. ENJOY!

“NURTURING THE SONG OF THE CHURCH”

ELCA Deacon Ryan Hostler sees his life’s calling as one that involves equipping others with the tools they need to sing and worship God.

As minister of word and service for music and worship at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Vero Beach, Fla., Hostler oversees the church’s music program, plans services and serves as cantor. As a leader in the church, he draws on his music training and educational experience, particularly those gained at Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, Ohio.

Trinity is one of the ELCA’s seven seminaries; each receive annual Mission Support grants to sustain their work in training leaders like Hostler for service in the church. For Hostler, seminary “provided a solid foundation for future growth and learning.”

Moreover, Hostler counts the experience as one of the best decisions of his life. “[It] allowed me to grow immensely in my theological depth and understanding,” he said.

After seminary, Hostler began working in the ELCA under the title associate in ministry and became a deacon when the 2016 ELCA Churchwide Assembly brought together the roles of associate in ministry, diaconal minister and deaconess under the umbrella of deacon. “I’m thrilled [the church] put us all on equal footing,” he said.

Hostler said being a deacon means opportunities to bring his unique talents to the church. “It’s wonderful because I’m able to focus on worship and what that means to our congregation.” Every deacon brings something different to the table based on their skills. “You have deacons that deal with finances and deacons that deal with worship and deacons that deal with social justice,” he explained.

God’s call to become a deacon took hold within Hostler when he “fell in love with the idea of serving with the gifts that God gave to me.”

As he uses his gifts to lead music and worship at Our Savior, Hostler keeps this mission statement close to his heart: “My simple but profound calling is nurturing the song of the church.”

(To read more stories, visit ELCA.org/SOFIA and download a copy of Stories of Faith in Action.)

RESPONSIBILITY LIST

Music: Jeff Perkins

Altar Guild: Sandy Noland, Brandi Simmons, Charlotte Squyres

Date	Assisting Minister	Acolyte	Ushers/ Greeters	Host	Lector	Offering Counters
11/4	Terry Mize	Ethan Hammond	Mark Greene & Sybil Gonzales	Terry Mize	Terry Mize	Bill Berry & Miranda Anderson
11/11		Quinn Garrison	Bill Berry & Louise Humes	Bob Brown	Sawyer Simmons	Mark Greene & Tom Lamb
11/18	Bob Brown	Sawyer Simmons	Charlotte Squyres & Anna Squyres	Jim & Sandy Noland	Louise Humes	Tracy Mitchell & Daniel Greene
11/25		Sailor Simmons	Diana Russell & Louise Humes	Don & Yvonne Garrison	Mark Greene	Elizabeth Lamb & Louise Humes
12/2	Daniel Greene	Ethan Hammond	Mark Greene & Tom Lamb	Terry Mize	Carene Hammond	Bill Berry & Miranda Anderson



Your service to this congregation is very important.
Thank you for your time, talents and treasures

NOVEMBER 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 4:00 pm Bible Journaling Class	2	3 Clean the church 9:00am
4 All Saints Sunday 9:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship Holy Communion <i>Confirmation class after Service</i>	5 7:00 pm Ugly Quilts	6	7	8 4:00 pm Bible Journaling Class	9	10
11 Pentecost 25 9:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship <i>Confirmation class</i>	12 Veteran's Day Observed 7:00 pm Ugly Quilts	13	14	15 4:00 pm Bible Journaling Class	16	17
18 Pentecost 226 9:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship Holy Communion <i>Confirmation class Council meeting 1:00</i>	19	20	21	22 	23	24
25 Christ the King Sunday 9:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship <i>Confirmation class</i>	26  Christmas Parade 6:00 pm-8:30pm	27	28	29	30	