

**OUR SAVIOUR LUTHERAN CHURCH UPDATE**  
**LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR, NOVEMBER 24, 2024**

This Newsletter contains the following information:

1. Worship Services
2. In Our Prayers
3. Weekly Services

**WORSHIP SERVICES:**

At present we offer one Sunday Worship Service at 11 a.m.

**REMEMBER THE SABBATH DAY TO KEEP IT HOLY**

**VERSE**

Rev. 22:13

**Alleluia.** I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. **Alleluia.**

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Beloved in the Lord,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus! **Amen.**

**BULLETIN** The bulletin for the Divine Service is attached to this update

***In Repentance We Are Alert to the Coming of Christ***

**READINGS**

Isaiah 51:4-6

Psalms 93 (antiphon: v. 2)

Jude 20-25

Mark 13:24-37

or

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Psalms 93 (antiphon: v. 2)

Revelation 1:4b-8

John 18:33-37

**SUMMARY OF TODAY'S READINGS**

***In Repentance We Are Alert to the Coming of Christ***

The signs of the end are all around us, constant reminders that “*heaven and earth will pass away.*” But all of these signs are centered in the cross of Christ, whereby He has conquered sin and death, that we might be raised with Him in righteousness through His Word of the Gospel, which “*will not pass away*” (Mark 13:31). He is “*the firstborn of the dead,*” who in His great love “*has freed us from our sins by his blood*” (Rev. 1:5). His salvation is certain because “*his dominion is an everlasting dominion*” and His kingdom “*shall not be destroyed*” (Dan. 7:14). For this purpose He came into the world, to reign in love through His voice of the Gospel, which is the truth (John 18:37). So is the righteousness of Christ “*a light to the peoples,*” which “*will never be dismayed*” because it is the justice of His cross and resurrection (Is. 51:4–6). As He “*is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory,*” so wait upon “*the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life*” (Jude 20–24).

## **START OF NEW CHURCH YEAR 2024-25**

The new Church Year starts from Dec 1, 2024 with the season of Advent. We will be following the Three-Year Lectionary Series C during the year. The lectionary for the year 2024-25 has been posted at the narthex.

### **2) IN OUR PRAYERS**

Please keep the following people in your personal prayers:

**Shut-ins:** Maria Pohlman, Ruth Miller, Gabriel Civitillo, Letillia Sterling, Meta Both.

**Those with other needs:** Paul Alexander, Brian Miller, Lisa Deonadan, Harry Goorwah, Violet Deonarine, Deva Singh, Hans Schroedter, Marlet Wardly, Trudy Marquardt, Peter Haug, Tomdaiya, Bill & Shila Mandel, Jairam Ganpat, Nila, Mariya, Marlin, Sam, Dawood, Indra Seemadray, Junior Atkins, Razack, Ruby Smith, Susan Krim, Eric Krim, Josephine \*Dhanraj Bharrat.

*If you would like to add yourself or a loved one to our prayer list please give me a call. It is also important to let me know when it's time to be removed from the list.*

## **LUTHERAN CHURCH CANADA MISSIONS**

**NOVEMBER 24, 2024 | NICARAGUA**

This week, we pray for **Rev. Henry Evelerth Ramirez** who serves as pastor for two congregations in the Leon area.

**Prayer:** Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Pastor Ramirez, asking You to sustain him by Your Spirit and bless his labours for the sake of the Gospel; Lord in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

### **3) CONGREGATIONAL PROJECTS**

#### **FOOD BANK:**

The proceedings of the Food Bank on November 21 went very well. Tony picked up the bread from Bread of Life ministries. The previous week's recycling bins that Bismark had put out the day before were picked up by the city in the early hours of the morning. There was a devotion at 12:30 p.m.

#### **FOOD BANK STATISTICS FOR November 21, 2024**

Total Food Hampers given out: 3216.

Those food hampers provided food to:

735 adults and 283 children for a total of 1018

#### **Our Saviour Food Bank: Need of Volunteers**

We are in need of volunteers for the Food Bank for general and some specific duties. The duties may extend to cover picking up of bread, unloading of the skids, food packaging, computer intake and recycling of the cardboard and other

materials. If you are desirous of helping please speak to Al Seemadray Food Bank Volunteers Coordinator or Pastor.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

There will be Sunday School this Sunday.

### **THIS WEEK AT OUR SAVIOUR**

Sunday, November 24 **LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR**

10 am Bible Study

11 am Sunday School

11 a.m. Worship

Thursday, November 28 2-4 p.m. & 6-8 p.m. Food Bank

Sunday, December 1 **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

10 am Bible Study

11 am Sunday School

11 a.m. Worship

Pastor Joseph Singh

Vacancy Pastor

November 23, 2024

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### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **THE TIME OF CHRISTMAS**

#### **ADVENT**

Begins on the fourth Sunday before December 25, or the Sunday closest to the Festival of St .

Andrew (November 30), and ends with midday prayer on December 24.

The Saviour's birth is second in importance only to His resurrection on Easter Sunday. During the time of Christmas, Christians reflect on God's great and gracious gift of Himself.

The Church Year begins with Advent (from Latin adventus, which means "coming into"), a four week period of preparation before Christmas. The story of Jesus during Advent is the story of hope coming into the world. When the time was just right, God sent His Son, Jesus, into the world. The Advent season teaches us to prepare to receive Jesus, the hope of the world.

#### **In Advent , we wait for our coming King.**

Isaiah 7:14; 11:1-2

Micah 5:2

Matthew 1:18-25

Luke 1:26-38, 46-55

#### **ADVENT PRACTICES AND TRADITIONS**

- The colour for Advent is blue, which symbolizes anticipation and hope in our coming King. Violet can also be used during Advent as it has become common to symbol of our repentance in preparation of our coming King.

- We do not sing the Gloria in Excelsis in the Divine Service during Advent. This is the angel's song at Christmas, so during Advent we pass over this traditional Hymn of Praise in silent anticipation.
- It has become common to use an Advent wreath to mark the season. This wreath has four candles – one for each week in Advent. As these candles are lit each week, our anticipation mounts as we look forward to Jesus' coming.
- We gather for midweek services. These services heighten our awareness and anticipation for the celebration of Christ's coming in the flesh.

