

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH: GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS.

# The Witness of Peace

## November 2022



Daylight Savings  
Times Officially Ends  
at 2AM on Sunday,  
November 6, 2022

### **An ELCA Social Message on *Government and Civic Engagement in the United States: Discipleship in a Democracy***

As our nation moves through a mid-term election cycle, in an atmosphere of continued conflict and division, I thought it would be good to share a resource that I only just discovered myself. This helpful document was perhaps one of the many Covid “casualties”, as it was ratified by the Church Council of the ELCA on June 24, 2020, in the midst of the pandemic isolation.

The reflections in this document explicitly are offered in concern that “there is a spirit of broad dissatisfaction, mistrust, protest, and even contempt of government” in our country right now. Yet according to the Lutheran tradition, “government remains God’s gift because it is intended to do what churches, families, individuals, and businesses cannot do on their own: protect and coordinate the well-being of individuals, communities, and creation.”

It is abundantly clear that as citizens we have often fallen short of ensuring that our government embodies the values it professes to hold. Much in our national history cries out for repentance. And yet, “ELCA social teaching holds that all residents of the United States have a responsibility to make government function well—not to abandon our democracy but to engage it in a spirit of robust civic duty. For Lutherans, this responsibility is lived out as a calling from God, expressed in the discipleship described in our baptismal promises. It is based on our understanding of how God governs human society.” God continues to work through us “as agents of God’s purpose for the flourishing of human lives and communities”, as well as in our “prophetic calling to address the destructive consequences of evil in government.”

You are strongly encouraged to read through the entire document. It is not long, only 18 well-spaced, easy to read pages. You may pick up a copy in the narthex, or access it from the ELCA website at <https://elca.org/Faith/Faith-and-Society/Social-Messages/Government>

I would be interested in hosting some discussion about how civic involvement in our political system is one of many ways we embody our Christian faith in the world. It is important that we understand that this perspective is quite distinct from current expressions of ‘Christian Nationalism’ which erroneously conflate our Christian faith and our citizenship in a secular political system, attempting to merge the two together. Our baptismal commitment to Christian discipleship should always inform our civic engagement, even as we recognize that we live in a pluralistic society with a variety of faiths, perspectives and often competing values and priorities. Here are some of the concluding words in the document:

**“As members of the ELCA and as residents of this nation, we will have serious disagreements about specific policy choices regarding what government should do or not do. We recognize that our siblings in faith can, in good conscience, reach different conclusions as to how to best serve our neighbor in complex circumstances. ...Although we may disagree about the best ways to achieve the public good, we do not disagree about our shared responsibility to seek it.”**

*Pastor Annette*



### ***FROM THE BISHOP: November 2022***

I just spoke with one of my friends who attended seminary with me. She is a pastor in the Midwest. And she is a great pastor. She is warm. She is funny. She loves Jesus. She loves the Church. She loves Church so much that she used to attend three different Lutheran churches in a weekend (not counting the church she serves). She feels called by God to be a pastor. But today I had a phone call from her. She was crying. And she said to me (as a friend – not as a bishop), “The thing is I don’t get that much enjoyment out of pastoring for the work involved except God probably wants me to do it. Knowing that is some consolation.”

Recently I heard Pastor Dan White speak about pastor burn-out on a podcast: “I mean, I’m seeing pastors every week who would never have considered rethinking their call as a pastor, who are doing that every week. And it’s just because things are so broken and hurting and exhausting, and they’re faced with that question now. And they never had to face it before. So I think it’s just kind of flipping over the apple cart, and everything is kind of being questioned.” The New York Times Podcast First Person, July 21, 2022

According to Barna Group\*, two out of five pastors have thought about leaving ministry in the last year. This is remarkably higher from previous years. What is the difference? According to Barna, the top reasons include stress, loneliness, and political division. While these three reasons are not new, we know that Covid compounded some of the tensions that already existed. We know that the last two and half years have frayed relationships in ways we did not expect. As Bishop, I know that pastors are leaving congregations at a faster pace than I have ever experienced and the three reasons above are often the reason.

Oof! This makes me sad and anxious. This isn’t how pastoring is supposed to be. As I tell people in premarital counseling, “Sometimes life is hard. Sometimes a relationship is hard. But neither life nor marriage should be hard all the time. Most of the time your relationship should make life better.” And the same holds true for being a pastor. Sometimes pastoring is hard. But it shouldn’t be hard all the time.

So how can we help pastors, and other leaders, who are experiencing stress, loneliness, and political division in the congregation?

If we continue to look at Barna research, it appears that pastors who continue to feel called to ministry responded that even though they might be experiencing stress, loneliness, and political division, they also have support through family, community, and other strong relationships.

How can this happen? How can we build mutually caring and loving relationships with one another? How can we rebuild what Covid frayed? How do we best support and encourage our pastors, deacons, and lay ministry professionals? How can we, together, be the body of Christ for one another?

I'd love to hear your suggestions. What are your thoughts? You are welcome to email me at [bishop@lutheransnw.org](mailto:bishop@lutheransnw.org).

May we mutually uphold and support one another as siblings in Christ.

+ Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee  
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\*Barna Group is a private, non-partisan, for-profit research organization. This particular research comes from the online article, "Pastors Share Top Reasons They've Considered Quitting Ministry in the Past Year," April 27, 2022.

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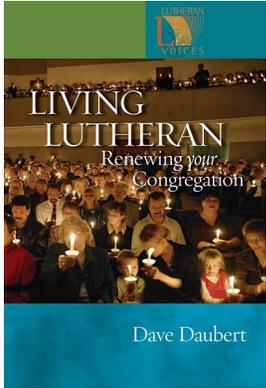
  
**Book Study**  
 Begins November 9th  
 7pm on Zoom  
**Living Lutheran: Renewing  
 Your Congregation**  
 by Dave Daubert

The Cluster Lay Group will be starting a new book study and we are inviting any and all of you to join us. **We will be having a one hour discussion on Zoom twice a month beginning Wednesday November 9<sup>th</sup> from 7-8 pm.** You are free to just listen in or be part of the discussion. No pressure...no expectations...just want you to be part of it. We ask that you read one short chapter before each meeting.

The book title is: Living Lutheran by David Daubert. It is short and easy, but is full of great reminders of why we come to worship and the need to see God at work in the present and the future. It talks about God's plan and His mission and how we fit into that plan. It walks us through finding our core values and developing a Purpose Statement based on those core values. It will show us how to then use that statement to guide our decisions and move us into the future.

Come join us! Please send your email address to: Karen Dicken at [office@plsilvana.org](mailto:office@plsilvana.org) to receive the Zoom link that allows you to join in. **You will receive the email the day before the event (Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>).**

Pastor has made copies available in the Narthex. Feel free to pick one up! The book is available on Amazon and there are some used copies available there as well. They are also available at Augsburg Fortress – online at [www.augsburgfortress.org](http://www.augsburgfortress.org)



## Church Life and Community News Mary Fuentes, Youth and Family Worker



Fall has finally arrived or at least the weather has finally changed. The fall sports are starting to wrap up and now the schools are gearing up for winter sports and all those inside basketball games. The Spartans, Eagles, and Cougars have some great teams and maybe you will catch some local youth to cheer on.

This month if you're looking for a fun game night The Dance Project NW will be hosting **Bingo at the Viking Hall on November 13<sup>th</sup>**. Doors will open at 5pm with dinner and games will begin at 6pm.

Last month the **Out to Lunch Bunch** had a great drive and over night stay in Winthrop. The plans have already started for the next overnight adventure.

We are heading to Kirkland to have **lunch with Ruth Schei** on November 17th. The bus will depart at 9:45am. We will also have a car driving down. If you would like to go, **please sign up with me by November 10<sup>th</sup>**.



The **Out to Dinner Group** will be heading Pat's Thai Shabu at the Stanwood movie theatre. The early reviews have all been positive I hope you can join us on **Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>**.

I hope you're ready for **Family Night on November 19<sup>th</sup>**. We will begin with dinner at 5:30, followed by crafts and games. This will be a fun night for the entire family! Invite a friend!

The **Gathering** place has been serving between 40 and 50 folks every Thursday. It's exciting to watch the folks come back after covid ready to share a meal together. **We next serve on November 17th, and we encourage you to help us serve and celebrate being Gods Hands.** Volunteers meet at Our Savior Lutheran in Stanwood at 3pm. We are also in need of four turkeys for the Thanksgiving dinner. **If you would like to supply a turkey, please reach out to me as soon as possible.**

**Advent Family Nights** will begin on **Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm**. Once again, we will be having themed potluck dinners, and we will kick off advent with all things pie! Let's see what everyone's take on pie is, I have my favorites and can't wait to share some with you all. I will be giving a short message and then we will have a fun craft for the entire family. I look forward to celebrating Advent with you!

**Go Green Tip November: Go Native.** Pick one tiny part of your backyard and replace the plants and grass there with whatever's native to your area. Native plants are an easy way to conserve water. Plus, planting with your kids or grand kids is fun! (If you plant native you don't need to water.)

**Advent Worship 2022**  
**Advent begins Sunday, November 27th**



**Advent Family Nights begin Wednesday, November 30th at 5:30pm! The theme for the potluck meal that night is PIE, followed by a Message from Mary, and games. Invite a friend!**

**We will close the evening with worship by singing Holden Evening Prayer in the Sanctuary at 7pm. This is a beautiful service by Marty Haugen. Please join us!**

**Lydia Circle:** Tuesday, November 1th at 5:30 PM

**Naomi Circle:** Wednesday, November 16th at 9:30 AM



**Lutheran World Relief (LWR) Quilters**

LWR will not Meet in November or December.

**Men's Breakfast on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays!**

November 12th and November 26th at 8am

**Josephine Caring Community  
 Christmas Gift-Giving**



This year Josephine is inviting you to consider two ways to share the spirit of Christmas with our 175 residents:

**Gift offering:** A bundle gift consisting of : one throw blanket; one neck pillow; and 3 pair of non-skid socks. And/or **Musical Offering:** Weekday and weekend opening between Nov. 14th and Jan.1st are available to provide live music for our residents. Please contact Shannon Terpak at 360-629-2126 regarding musical offering.



## See You At The Bazaar!



**The Country Christmas Bazaar is set for Saturday,  
November 5<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 2 pm.**

**This is PLCW's first Bazaar since 2019 and we're excited to  
be back!**

The lefse and flatbread have been rolled, krumkaka and spritz made, rommegrot stirred to delicious perfection and the tables about to be set.

A lot of folks have been busy making crafts, baking goodies, preparing baskets for the Silent Auction and much more.

Raffle tickets are still available for the beautiful quilt made by Betty Jacobs. See Debra Compton to purchase or pick some up at the Bazaar.

An easy way to contribute to the Bazaar is to purchase gift cards for the Gift Card Tree. These can be given to Jennifer Corser, Connie DiGregorio or Mary Fuentes until Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>.

You also have until Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> (at the latest) to bring your donated items for the Craft/ Harvest area, Used Treasures area and Silent Auction as well as baked goods for sale in the Bakery.

We're asking each family to contribute two pies to sell at the Bazaar. One for the Bakery and one to sell by the slice. These can be delivered on Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> or early Saturday the 5<sup>th</sup>. As always, a delicious lunch will be served. So, invite your friends and neighbors and bring your family to the Bazaar for a fun time of visiting, great food and good buys!



## November Mission of the Month:



## PLCW Housekeeping

Greetings to you, members of Peace.

The women of Peace have been meeting regularly this year and accomplishing many things. Join us the first Wednesday of every month, (except November, we meet the second Wednesday of November due to the Bazaar) at 11:30 am for lunch, devotions, a local speaker and then our business meeting.

During Covid I took it upon myself to do some housekeeping at Peace. Since I had extra free time and could work at the church alone I took on some areas of our church that had been neglected. The kitchen is a never ending update area. What you need to know is that there is now a first aid kit hanging on the wall at your left as you enter. There are also two fire extinguishers, one on the left wall as you walk in and one by the first stove. If you notice any supplies running low in the kitchen please let me know.

The woman's closet at the end of the Sunday school hall was completely emptied, sorted through and reorganized. The closet on the East side of Fellowship Hall was emptied, sorted and put back together. That is the closet where we store the extra 4ft, 6ft. and 8 ft tables that are not in use. It also now contains the most frequently used tablecloths for the round tables and cloths and table covers for the 6 ft and 8 ft tables. The aprons we use for the Bazaar are now organized and hung in that closet. The bins holding items for each area of the Bazaar and other such items are now stored up on the shelves. The two extra podiums are in there for use in Fellowship Hall. This closet is not to be used as a dumping ground. Please do not place anything in there other than the items it now contains.

The closet on the West side of Fellowship Hall is the Lutheran World Relief/Quilting closet. It is very neatly organized with material, batting, quilting supplies and all of the supplies Naomi Circle uses to create Personal Care Kits and the supplies that Lydia Circle uses to complete Baby Care Kits. Please do not dump stuff in there. We have a container on the left side of the closet just as you go in that is available for any donations members have for LWR. If you have flannel sheets you are getting rid of, any material yardage or the items used in any of the kits that you would like to donate please place those items in the container.

Our church is a busy place with many church groups and outside groups using our various meeting areas all throughout the week. If we all respect the building, return items where they were found and clean up after ourselves it makes it easier for everyone involved.

Respectfully,  
Stephanie Bean PLCW treasurer, kitchen purchaser and neat freak :)



## November Birthdays

- 1 Jim Lux  
Bill Rod
- 9 Shirley Cupic
- 12 David Sather
- 14 Ruth Schei  
Sunny Moyer
- 17 Emmie Livingston
- 21 Connie DeGregorio
- 22 Gwen Dalseg
- 24 Patti Vroman  
Ralph Dalseg
- 24 Joan Johnson
- 25 Mike Brady
- 28 Elizabeth Hubbard
- 29 Ron Cabe

## November Food Bank Item

Jiffy Corn Bread Mix  
Please bring your donation by November 20th!

## Thank You! Food Bank collection in October

Thank you to PLC for supplying cake and brownie mix to the food banks! The food banks appreciate your generosity!



All are welcome!! Open by appointment only  
"Arlington FM's Tiny Blessings Boutique" on Facebook  
Email questions: office@arlingtonfm.com

The Tiny Blessings Boutique is a nonprofit housed by the Arlington FM church that offers free resources from pregnancy to age five including (but not limited to) diapers/pull-ups, wipes, clothes, shoes, strollers, car seats, books, toys, and much, much more. Since we officially opened the doors on November 5th, 2021, we have held over 500 client appointments! Everyone is welcome, we have no income, paperwork, or zip code requirements and our main goal is to be the joyful hands and feet of Jesus one little onesie at a time!

Currently, we are partnered with the Cocoon House, take emergency appointments for foster care placements, and are serving Ukrainian refugees as well.

Nearly 100% of our appointments have a need for Diapers and Baby Wipes. We particularly run short on sizes 3, 4, 5, 6, and all sizes of pull-ups. These items are difficult to keep on our shelves. Any contributions that you can make in this area will help us to keep the blessings flowing.

We will be having an open house/first birthday party on **November 6 from 11am to 1pm**. I will be placing a basket in the narthex if you would like to contribute to our diaper needs.

**Contact Mindy Livingston at 425-268-6561**

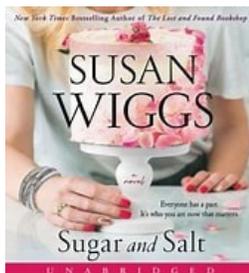
## Out to Dinner Group! Pat's Thai Shabu in Stanwood

**November 10th at 6PM**  
**Contact Mary for details!**

**Out To Lunch Bunch Thursday,  
November 17th**  
**Short Road Trip to Kirkland**  
**Lunch with Ruth Schei**  
**Bus leaves Peace at 9:45 am**

Book Club  
11/29/2022  
3PM

Robin Sather's Home



# November 2022



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p><i>Give thanks With a grateful HeART</i></p>		<p><b>1</b> AA Noon  Krumkake/ Lydia 5:30 PM</p>	<p><b>2</b> Alanon 10am</p>	<p><b>3</b> Rommegrot</p>	<p><b>4</b> AA Noon</p>	<p><b>5</b> Bazaar 10am to 2pm</p>
<p><b>6 All Saints/ Fall Back!</b> Sunday School 9am/Worship 10am</p>	<p><b>7</b> Women's AA 10am  4H 6:30pm</p>	<p><b>8</b> AA Noon</p>	<p><b>9</b> PLCW 11:30am  Alanon 10am</p>	<p><b>10</b> Confirmation 6:30 pm  Dinner Group 6pm</p>	<p><b>11</b> AA Noon  Office Closed/ Jen OUT</p>	<p><b>12</b> Men's Breakfast 8am</p>
<p><b>13</b> Sunday School 9am/Worship 10am</p>	<p><b>14</b> Women's AA 10am</p>	<p><b>15</b> AA Noon Dist 2 AA 6pm PLC Council 6:30pm</p>	<p><b>16</b> Naomi Circle 9:30am Alanon 10am</p>	<p><b>17</b> Lunch Bunch Bus leaves at 9:45am Gath. Place 3pm/5pm 4H KF 3pm</p>	<p><b>18</b> AA Noon</p>	<p><b>19</b> Family Night 5:30pm</p>
<p><b>20</b> Sunday School 9am/ Thanksgiving Worship 10am  Cong. Meeting</p>	<p><b>21</b> Women's AA 10am</p>	<p><b>22</b> AA Noon  <b>Witness Deadline!</b></p>	<p><b>23</b> Alanon 10am  LWR Quilt- ers 10am</p>	<p><b>24</b>  Happy Thanksgiv- ing/Office Closed</p>	<p><b>25</b> AA Noon</p>	<p><b>26</b> Men's Breakfast 8am</p>
<p><b>27 Advent 1</b> Sunday School 9am/Worship 10am</p>	<p><b>28</b> Women's AA 10am</p>	<p><b>29</b> AA Noon Book Club 3PM</p>	<p><b>30</b> Alanon 10am Advent Family Night 5:30pm HEP* 7PM</p>			<p><b>*HEP= Holden Evening Prayer</b></p>

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## Early Country Christmas Bazaar

Saturday, November 5, 2022  
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Lefse • Rommegrot  
Vaffler • Bakery  
Harvest Items  
Crafts • Silent Auction  
Used Treasures  
Quilt Raffle • Gift Card Tree Raffle



Delicious Lunch: Soup, Salad, Roll, Pie



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**Look inside** for details about the upcoming Christmas Bazaar, Church Life and Community News, Advent Worship Opportunities, and more!



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