



**Redeemer
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November 2018**



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Open

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Too Good to be True

Some time ago, a promotion by H. R. Block Inc. offered walk-in customers a chance to win a drawing for a million dollars. Glen and Gloria Sims of Sewell, New Jersey, won the drawing, but they refused to believe it when an H. R. Block representative phoned them with the good news.

After several additional contacts by both mail and phone, the Sims still thought it was all just a scam, and usually hung up the phone or trashed the special notices.

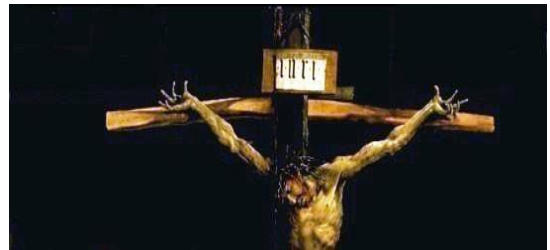
Some weeks later, H. R. Block called one more time to let the Sims know the deadline for accepting the million-dollar prize was nearing and that the story of their refusal to accept the prize would appear on an upcoming NBC "Today Show."

At that point, Mr. Sims decided to investigate further. A few days later he appeared on the "Today Show" to tell America that he and his wife had finally gone to H. R. Block to claim the million-dollar prize.

Mr. Sims' final words were: "From the time this has been going on, H. R. Block explained to us they really wanted a happy ending to all this, and they were ecstatic that we finally accepted the prize."

The Sims just about lost the prize because they thought the message about winning the money was too good to be true.

For millennia, people have also thought that the message of salvation is also too good to be true. The idea that Jesus earned our forgiveness and salvation seem counter intuitive. What is even more scandalous is that salvation is an absolutely free gift that is received by faith alone. The apostle Paul put it this way: "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast (Eph. 2:8-9). Yes, if you and I simply trust that Jesus has won our salvation by His sinless life and by His sin-atonement death, then forgiveness and salvation are ours.



Yes, this all seems too good to be true. And yet it is true. When our Savior rose from the dead on the third day, this was the proof that the heavenly Father had accepted Christ's sacrifice as sufficient to atone for all sins, yours and mine included.

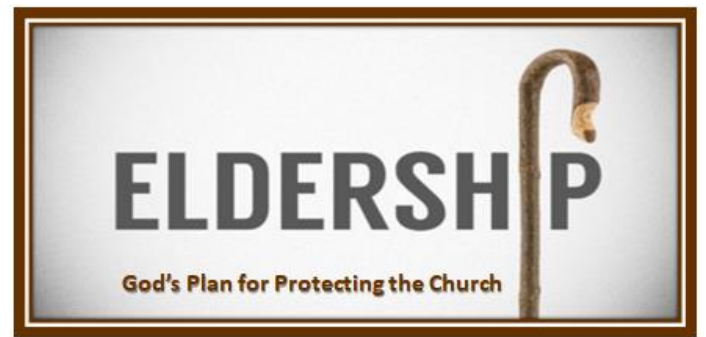
Martin Luther once said, "Shall we doubt the grace of God and say, 'Peter and Paul rejoiced that their Savior has come, but I cannot, for I am a miserable sinner and thus this dear and precious treasure is not for me.'" "My friend," Luther continued, "if you say He is not mine, then I say, 'Whose is He then? Has He come to save geese and ducks and cows? See who He is! If He had come to save another creature, He would have assumed the likeness of that creature. But he has been made the Son of Man.'"

So, rest your souls in Christ, and all will be well with you!

Pastor Grassley

ELDER OF THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER:

Robert Lewis



ANNIVERSARIES IN NOVEMBER:

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| 11/10 | Stephen & Diane Westbrook (29) |
| 11/12 | Bill & Debbie Zulfer (30) |
| 11/22 | Kevin & Lori Penning (28) |
| 11/23 | Jerry & Gail Knutson (62) |

BIRTHDAYS IN NOVEMBER:

11/01	Bill Zulfer	11/18	Austin Barber
11/02	James Skipper	11/21	Ben Wagner
11/06	Georgia Hotaling	11/23	Tammy Riemenschneider
11/08	Glen Mietzner		
11/10	Mildred Wagner	11/24	Rebecca Austin
11/11	Lori Penning	11/24	Martha Kitzmann
11/16	Richard Nelson	11/24	Stormi Thomas
11/17	Jason Cook		



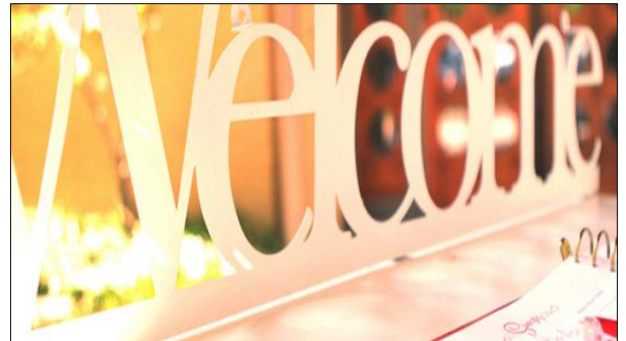
ALTAR FLOWERS FOR NOVEMBER:

11/11 Steve & Diane Westbrook in Celebration of their anniversary.



GREETERS IN NOVEMBER:

11/04	Rick & Rhonda Carter
11/11	Duane & Edna Janssen
11/18	Duane & Edna Janssen
11/25	Alan & Georgia Hotaling



If you have any news you'd like to share with the congregation, email it to the Church Office and we will put it in the upcoming Newsletter.



The final regular voters meeting for 2018 is scheduled for Sunday, November 18th to elect Church Officers and Church Boards and to approve the 2019 Budget. The meeting will be held in the Parish

Hall right after Divine Service. A light lunch and refreshments will be served by the Fellowship Committee. We need all members to attend so please put this on your calendar. Thanks.

We will have a short Special Voters Meeting immediately following Divine Service Sunday, November 4th, to accept nominations for Church Officers and Church Boards and to close nominations. This meeting will be very short and held in the Sanctuary.

Mysterion is over until January. They will begin a new book then. More details to come.

Pastor Grassley's email revgrassley@charter.net is not working. Please contact him using dagrassley@gmail.com.

The geo-dome on the playground is being removed. If anyone is interested in it, we will accept sealed bids until Nov 11 at noon in the Church Office. The note should contain your name and the amount you are offering for the geo-dome. The person with the highest bid will be responsible for moving the geo-dome, but I am sure that some members could be found to help.



The geo-dome will need some disassembly for transport. - Kevin Penning

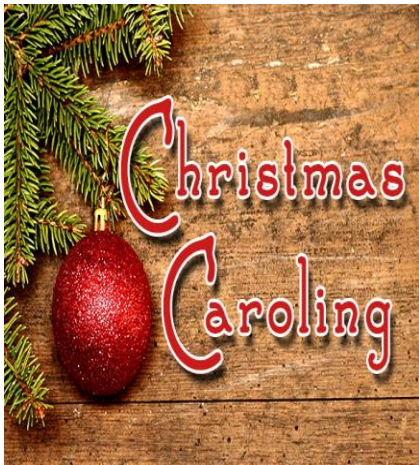


The congregation is invited to the wedding of Janice Moser and Aaron Davis. It will be Saturday, November 24th at 2:00. An invitation is posted on the Church News bulletin board in the narthex.

If you have not been receiving emails from the church, please contact the Church Office. We have been informed that some of the emails going to att.net do not always reach the subscriber. If that is the case, please let us know. Thanks.

BOARD INFORMATION

Stewardship:



December 15th, at 1:00 pm, we will hold a Christmas Caroling event in the neighborhood! Please join us as we go door-to-door to our neighbors spreading Christmas cheer to everyone. We also plan to visit our shut-in's and our nursing home members. Then we will meet back at church for hot cocoa and sweets! If you are interested, please let Dr. Butler know asap so that she can organize the groups. Thanks so much.

Fellowship:

Christmas by Candlelight: Ladies, the event will be on November 27th, 6:30 pm. The theme is “Christmas Carols from Around the World”. Please sign up for a table on the sheet on the Fellowship bulletin board.



A Note from Lori Penning: Thank you, everyone, who brought food and helped with the picnic. I appreciate you!

Mission Ministry:



We will be getting 50 Christmas Angels from LSSS. We are getting 50 out of their 130+ (unfortunately this is the time of the year when there’s an increase in foster children). Please prayerfully consider being an Angel for a foster child(ren). The Angels will be due back on Sunday, December 9th.

Just a reminder to everyone that we collect cancelled stamps for LWML Missions (thru St. Paul LC).

And speaking of Braille, we can always use more helpers when we make Braille books on the 2nd Friday at 7pm at St. Paul LC.

I want to thank the children in our Congregation that color cards for elderly & sick. They do an absolutely wonderful job. Thank you.

Georgia Hotaling

Whole Person Health Ministry:

Blood Drive: 10/28: 9 people including one walk in came out to donate. Thanks to: Duane and Edna Janssen and Becca Austin, Al Rearick, Janice Moser, Paul Wagner, John Meyer and Larry Riemenschneider. Our next Blood Drive is expected to be in March 2019.

The Annual Pre-Thanksgiving Bake Sale is Sunday, November 18th; we have a Voters Meeting that day. You may come over to the Parish Hall to select baked goods between Adult



Bible Study and Church, about 10 am – 10:25 am and then immediately following Divine Service from about noon. We will be set up in the kitchen area as you enter the Parish Hall.

Please consider offering to bake for us, as our volunteers and Cabinet members is a small group. We utilize funds received at the Annual Bake Sale throughout the year for supplies, water, food for our events, and gifts for the ill and infirmed. Last year, in December, we were able to return \$100 to the church for the AED Defibrillator Replacement Pads fund.

Be Stronger, Live Longer will not meet in November. We will resume for Tuesdays, 8:30 for walking laps and 9 – 9:45 am for the class the first 3 weeks in December.

Monthly Blood Pressure Screening: will be on Sunday, November 11th due to the conflict with 3rd Sunday Voter's meeting. All are welcome to come over to the Parish Hall for this any Sunday we are set up.

WPHM Volunteers and Cabinet members, watch for date in late January for our annual Evaluation and Planning lunch

meeting following Divine Service, where we will report on 2018 and plan for 2019. Our WPHM Cabinet is proud to **welcome Shane Jenke as a Faith Community Health Promoter, having recently taken the training class at Texas Health Harris Fort Worth Hospital.** Please communicate to Shane, Cathy or Donna any ideas you have for a program we can offer to the congregation next year.

For Your information:

- **Check out the AARP Ride@ 50 + Program:** There is an informational meeting at the Benbrook Public Library: “How to Get Around Without Getting Behind the Wheel,” an interactive 90-minute workshop on November 13-18, from 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm. See Donna for more information.
- **There is a 24-hour Hotline:** 817-392-1234 for information on proper safe disposal of unused medications:
<http://fortworthtexas.gov/takebackmeds>

Closing with this from **Prayers & Blessings, An Inspirational DaySpring calendar:** “The sunrise ushers in God’s mercy toward you – yesterday is forgotten, today is in His Hands, and tomorrow is filled with His promises.”

God bless us all this Thanksgiving month,
Donna Riccono

Please remember in your prayers:

Members: Anne Allen; Bettye Baird; Jocelynn Collins; Elaine deTurck; Frances Graham; Mark Hinrichs; Darold Klamt; Eva Merritt; Gene Morones; Anna Moser; Rev. Richard Nelson; Lori Penning; Judy Pitre; Charles Ruhmann; Bettie Schatte; John



Schatte; Alan Schaubhut; Dan Shackelford; Lucille Skehan; Bill Skokan; David Thomas; Randy Thomas; Stormi Thomas; Ben Wagner; Mildred Wagner; Jeanette Zulfer. **Relatives of members:** Nanci Alcorn; Bill Baird; Kala Barnett; Bobby Blackman; Janet Bliss; Susan Boudreaux; Meril Christenson; John Baars Connell; Dean Crocket; Shirley English; Jason & Denise Ford; Pat Ford; Pat Garnet; JoAnn Gibbs; Andrew Graham; Melody Giunta; Glen Hammett; Margaret Hollar; Craig & Trina Hotaling; Jeanette Hutchinson; Arleen Hayek; Debbie Hyden; Louetta Lewis; David Littlefield; Peggy Madison; Alison McMurray; Chuck Merritt; Jim Moser; Kevin Neville; Lynda Quirey; Ed Pace; Ryan Robinette; John Sergent; Timothy Sherman; Brian Stevens; Matthew and Shantel Schatte; Family of Davey Thomas; Jacob Thomas; Danielle Tyus; Scotty Walker; Pat Wyer. **Friends of members:** Kelley Adams; John Allison; Sammie Atwell; Steve Briscoe; Dawn Brown; Renee Brown; Joseph Burdick; Elinore Cocca; Dan Crofts; Jolene Crowe; Lauren DiGiovanni; Robert Edmonds; Parker Garret; Candy & Bruce Grantham; Larry Hoffman; Nancy Hood; Kyle Hopkins; The Aaron Johnson Family; Peg Kennedy; Telina Manbek; Charlene Marroquin; Julie Miranda; Marshall Martinez; Jed Oidtman; Deann Pearson & Family; Linda Riojas and daughters, Zoe and Sage; Camilla Ryan; Dannette Taylor; Tina Taylor; Jerry Walker; Louanne Weber; Lin Wrightson.

From “*Martin Luther Day by Day*”

November 2

*Consider the ancient generations and see:
Who trusted in the Lord and was put to shame?
Ecclesiastes 2:10*

Weaknesses of the Saints



It is salutary for us to hear of the weaknesses of the saints, for these examples of weakness are more necessary for us and bring more consolation than the examples of that heroic and very great fortitude and other virtues. Thus, the fact that David killed Goliath, a bear, a lion, etc. does not edify me much, for I cannot imitate such things, since they surpass my strength and all my thinking. Although they commend the saints in their strength and heroic fortitude, they do not concern us; for they are too sublime for us to be able to match or imitate them. But when examples of weakness, sins, trepidation, and trials are set forth in the saints – as when I read David’s complaints, sobs, fears, and feelings of despair – they buoy me up in a wonderful manner and give great consolation. For I see how they, fearful and terrified though they were, did not perish but buoyed themselves up with the promises they had received; and from this I conclude that there is no need for me to despair either. . . . They are finally preserved and sustained by the Word.

From *Lectures on Genesis* (Luther’s Works 5:254)

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 10:30 AM Divine Service 12:00 PM Special Voter's Meeting	5 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM St. Paul Basketball Practice 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Youth Group Meeting 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM LifeLight, Hotaling's 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM LifeLight, Rearick & Riccono	6 Election Site for November 6th's Election 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Tuesday Morning Bible Class 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Ladies' Bible Study 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Adult Choir Practice 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Jr. Confirmation Class	7 10:00 AM Quilting 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM St. Paul Basketball Practice 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Adult Instruction Class 7:00 PM Wednesday Evening Bible Study	8 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM St. Paul Basketball Practice 7:00 PM Church Council Meeting	9 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM St. Paul Basketball Practice 7:00 PM Braille @ St. Paul	10
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