

**THE MONTH OF
NOVEMBER
2021**

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Message from Pastor

Not All Turkey and Touchdowns

Adapted from Thomas Kidd at thegospelcoalition.org

The Pilgrims of Plymouth Colony weren't the first Europeans to settle in North America, nor were they the first permanent English colonists. But because of our annual celebration of Thanksgiving, and our hazy images of their 1621 meal with Native Americans, the Pilgrims have become the emblematic colonists in America's national memory. Although modern Thanksgiving has become largely non-religious — focused more on food, family, and football than explicitly thanking God — the Pilgrims' experience reveals a compelling religious aspect of our nation's roots. Although people often refer to the Pilgrims as "Puritans," they technically were English Separatists. These were Christians who had decided that the state-sponsored Anglican Church was fatally corrupt, and that they should found their own churches.

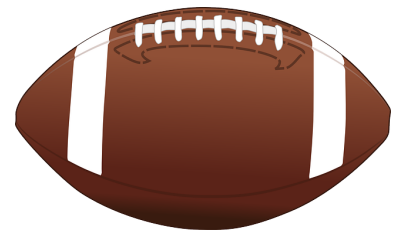
(The Puritans, who would establish Massachusetts in 1630, believed in reforming the Anglican Church from within).

Establishing independent churches, however, was illegal. Under heavy persecution, some Separatists decided to move to Leiden in the Netherlands around the same time that the Virginia Company founded Jamestown in 1607. The Netherlands offered the Separatists religious liberty, but the Pilgrims also became concerned about the negative influences of living in such a culturally diverse society. So in 1620, 102 settlers sailed to America on board the Mayflower. Their final Old World port was Plymouth, England, which supplied the name for their new settlement in what became southeastern Massachusetts. All adult men on board the ship signed the "Mayflower Compact," which many consider the first written constitution in American history. It is a very brief document, but it powerfully articulated the colonists' commitment to God and government by common consent. It reads, in part: Having undertaken for the Glory of God, and Advancement of the Christian Faith, and the Honour of our King and Country, a Voyage to plant the first Colony in the northern Parts of Virginia; Do by these Presents, solemnly and mutually, in the Presence of God and one another, covenant and combine ourselves together into a civil Body Politick, for our better Ordering and Preservation. Documents such as the Mayflower Compact leave little doubt that the New England colonies were founded primarily for religious purposes. The Compact noted Plymouth's legal connection to Virginia (they shared the same charter), but their southern neighbors were less motivated by religion than were the New England colonists. Among the first laws of Virginia was a demand that the people honor God, to whom they owed their "highest and supreme duty, our greatest, and all our allegiance to him, from whom all power and authorities is derived." The 2011 discovery of the remains of the oldest Protestant church in America at the site of the Jamestown fort also reminds us of the southern colonists' faith.

Although our records for the first Thanksgiving at Plymouth are sparse, we do know that in 1621 the Pilgrims held a three-day celebration with allied Indians, in observation of a good harvest and in gratitude for God's help in passing through the trials of the first year of settlement (half of the settlers had died in that winter). And yes, they had a "great store of wild turkeys" to eat for the festival. The American colonies, particularly in New England, continued the tradition of holding thanksgiving days into the Revolutionary era, when the new American nation also picked up the practice. The Continental Congress and American presidents, beginning with George Washington, regularly proclaimed days of thanksgiving. In 1789, the first year of his presidency, Washington declared that the last Thursday of November would be a "day of public thanks giving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God." Thanksgiving became an annual holiday in America during the Civil War, and Congress made the fourth Thursday of November an official national holiday in December 1941, shortly after America's entry into World War II. Thanksgiving historically was about "thanks-giving" directed to God. This is an instructive lesson, not only for better understanding our history, but also for curbing the temptation to make Thanksgiving into a holiday of overconsumption. The Pilgrims remind us that Thanksgiving is not all about turkey and touchdowns.



God's peace & all the best,
Pastor Joshua Knippa



Fellow Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I pray that this finds you in the peace and protection of God. My name is Quinn, and I work as Foster Home Developer at **Buckner Children & Family Services in Beaumont**. We are desperately trying to spread awareness of the tremendous need for loving Christian homes to meet the needs of vulnerable children throughout Texas. Currently, we are experiencing an increased need for more foster and/or adoptive homes.

At Buckner, we are committed to finding families to meet the needs of these children. Therefore, will you please join us in communicating the need of more foster and/or adoptive families by sharing our flyer with your congregation? Anyone interested can utilize the information in the flyer to direct them to more details on foster care and/or adoption.

I have attached a flyer with a digital link and a QR code flyer that will directly link families to register to attend an information meeting of their choice. Feel free to share it on your Facebook page, church web page, bulletin board, or however you choose to do so.

Additionally, we would love to partner with your church to offer more information to your congregation by sponsoring an in-person information meeting. Please let me know if this would be something that your church would be interested in.

Thank you abundantly,

Quinn Etuonu

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From Pastor

Thank you Holy Cross members for the wonderful gifts and the beautiful service and luncheon held in my honor for my installation and our Rally Day Celebration. God's peace and all the best,



Pastor Joshua Knippa



Please contact the church office at #(409) 722-1609 upon the illness, hospitalization, &/or death of a member or loved one. Also, keep the office updated with the status of prayer requests i.e. is person still in hospital or recovering at home. We try to notify members via FB page and text messages of deaths and funeral arrangements. Please contact the church office with details.

Poinsettia Orders

It's that time to order poinsettias to beautify our sanctuary for Advent and Christmas Season!

The poinsettias are \$10 each and can be ordered in red, pink, or white.

We will have envelopes available in the Narthex, beginning first Sunday in November, requesting name of donor, if you are ordering in honor or memory of someone, and what color.



Please make checks out to Holy Cross Lutheran.
Deadline for orders is Sunday, November 21.



To Co-Chair our Bereavement Committee. This would involve co-ordinating a family meal after the passing of one of our members. There are many volunteers already on the committee to provide food, money, &/or serve the meals. The Co-Chairs would be the ones to contact the committee members and make arrangements for the meals. Please consider the opportunity for this outreach ministry.



- 3 years-4th Graders meet in the Education Big Room
- 5th to 8th Grade Upstairs in the Education Building
- High Youth & Adults meet in the FLC Foyer

The Middle School Youth Fall Project is Meals on Wheels. They will meet after the Worship Service on Sunday, November 21st. They will accept monetary donations up to that Sunday to purchase needed items for this project. If you would like to donate please give donations to Anna Shuford.

Any questions, you may contact Anna at #(409) 718-0336.



WEDNESDAY Night

RECHARGE

All Midweek Classes will begin at 6pm. **No** midweek classes on Wednesday, November 24th. We will offer classes for our elementary students & an Adult Bible Study (see article below for more details).



Thrivent Members remember to Vote in the 2021 Board of Directors Election. You need to cast your vote by **November 20**.

MUSIC News

Celebration Band practices at 8:30am on **Sundays**

Adult Choir practices after Worship on **Sundays**

Children's Choir Practice for Christmas Program **Wednesday 6:30-7pm**

Handbell Choir Practices at 7pm on Wednesdays

Lauren Millner-Sanchez,
Music director
679-6062



Adult Learning Opportunities



Sharing your faith with non-believers!

THE REASON FOR GOD BY: TIM KELLER

Six Sessions include:

- 1. Isn't the Bible a Myth?
- 2. How Can You Say There Is
- 3. Only One Way to God?
- 4. What Gives You the Right to Tell Me How to Live My Life?
- 5. Why Does God Allow Suffering?
- 6. Why Is the Church Responsible for So Much Injustice?
- 7. How Can God Be Full of Love and Wrath at the Same Time?

Join us Wednesdays at 6pm in the conference rooms. Led by Marla Kieschnick & Cary Erickson.

Upcoming Meetings:



Board of Mission & Assimilations Meeting

Thursday, November 4 @ 6pm

Board of Education Meeting
Tuesday, November 9 @ 6pm

MOAW Meeting
Tuesday, November 9 @ 7pm

Board of Elders Meeting
Monday, November 22 @ 6pm

NOVEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

- 3—Debra Redding
Cody Schulze
Josh Tindel
- 4—Matt Parks
- 5—Dawn Graeter
Leslie Pharris
Traci Perryman
Larry Sanders
Mackenzie Tindel
- 6—Jill Blackwell
- 7—Judy Alvarez
Art Richard
- 8—Dillon Ford
Robert Runnels
- 10—Joann Ermel
Alan Rising, Sr.
Kent Stahl
- 11—Whitney
Kieschnick
Jessica Wiedenfeld
- 12—Helga Champagne
Bonnie Shaver
Nathan Wolfe
- 13—Blake Carter
Alec Lewis
Madison VanBrocklin
- 14—Brenda Bland
Tatum Kieschnick
Johnny Krautz
Deborah Rose
- 16—Evangeline Trahan
- 17—Jarrod Brown
Catherine Bruney
- 18—Holden Hopper
- 19—Ashley Causey
- 20—Tara Gillespie
- 21—Kane Benoit
Maggie Hopper
Easton Smith
- 22—Todd Bryson
Christie LeJune

- 24—Amber Denn
Tiffany Lavespere
Lee Smith
Tracy Davis
- 26—Michael Champagne
- 27—Patsy Alleman
Chloe Cannon
Wendy Gaona
Sharon Koller
Gil VanBrocklin
- 28—Chad Ford
Kennedy Kieschnick
Tara McEachern
- 29—David Harbour
- 30—Kayli Moore
James Shipley
Cheryl White

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 2—Kirsti & Eric Ronning
- 10—Haley & Chris Vincent
- 17—Erin & David Prioux
- 18—Londin & Alvin Wolfe
- 20—Sandy & Rusty Crow
- 22—Emily & Dannis
McCullough
- 23—Rita & Charles Davis
- 24—Barbara & Ron Gribnau
- 26—Chris & Mark
Peapenburg
Mary Helen & Charles
Terrell
- 27—Anita & J.B. Ashby
- 28—Wendy & Richard
Gaona
- 30—Tiffany & Clint Caywood



To: LWML Fund
In memory of
Yolanda & Joe Salazar
(Teresa Wolfe's parents
given by:
Ida Trojczak

To: Memorial Fund
In memory of
Dorothy Dutschmann
given by:
Jeanie Jordan

In memory of
Barbara Smithy
given by:
LuAnn & Tom Hansen

**To: ECE
Scholarship Fund**
In memory of
Dorothy Dutschmann
given by:
Evelyn Kientz

In memory of
Barbara Smithy
given by:
Ida Trojczak



**UBM
Needs
You!**

**United Board of
Missions** is in need of
Volunteers
(stocking & organizing
pantries & more).
If you're interested,
please contact either—
Pam or **Steve Vincent** @
718-5767 or **Carolyn Barras**
@ 963-7866 or **Lori Halbert**
@ 719-6235. Thanks!

UBM Giving Tree

Please pick a gift tag or 2
that will be available the
first Sunday in November
from the Giving Tree in the
Narthex. UBM provides
Christmas gifts for needy
children in the local area.
Gifts are to be returned
back to church by Decem-
ber 3rd. Contact Pam or
Lori for any questions.

(their cell
numbers are
listed in the
above
UBM article)



Holy Cross has purchased a membership to the
RightNow Media app that gives you unlimited access to
the world's largest library of Bible study video resources.
You & your family can stream thousands of inspirational
biblical videos & kids' shows anytime, anywhere. We need
your email address if you are interested. Please call the
office at #722-1609 or email
secretary@holycrossnederland.net
or put information on our Connection Cards

**Deadline for
December Newsletter
is Monday,
November 22nd!**



LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE



Tuesday, November 9th, @ 6pm

We are asking congregation members to assist us with donations for our annual **Mission Tree Project**.

This year we are supporting the **Ministry in the Dominican Republic**. Along with LCMS International Mission, Bethesda, and the English District, SWD (Southwest District) continues to support the growing work in the Dominican Republic, led by **Pastor Ted Krey**.

Teams from SWD have helped with construction projects, outreach endeavors, and the growing school ministry in Palmar Arriba. A new preschool in Licey is also a worship site, and a rented space in Santiago has become a center for worship and a satellite site for Lutheran Hour Ministries.

Pastor Willy Gaspar, the first Dominican Lutheran pastor, serves in the capitol of Santa Domingo. A new seminary facility has opened and will serve Latin America. A growing number of pastors and deaconesses from the U.S. and Latin America serve these many ministries in the Dominican Republic. As this ministry grows, more and more support is needed for the many missionaries.

If you wish to donate to this project there will be a basket in the Narthex. LWML will accept donations until **Tuesday, December 14th**.



Join us at
Fit & Fun

Tuesday, November 16th @ 1-3:30pm, FLC foyer for food & fellowship. You can bring a snack to share if you wish.

Prayer Card Ministry
Tuesday,
November 23rd
@ 10:30am
in the
Conference Room.



LWML MISSION STATEMENT

Core Values

- Christian Women-we live as redeemed children of the Triune God.
- In God's Word-We live in joyful response to the Holy Scriptures.
- Mission Focused-we answer God's call to share His Gospel at home and abroad.
- Embrace Diversity-we are sisters in Christ who value and benefit from each other.
- Servant Leaders-we are called and equipped by God to serve others.



"Check Out"

our books available on the red cart in the Narthex. Please feel free to take 1 or 2—just leave check out card in the bucket provided on the cart.

You can also visit our **Church Library** in the Education Bldg. If you take a book, just sign your name on the card & leave it on the desk.

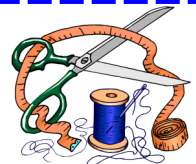


Quilting News:

Come join us Thursdays 9:30am-3pm. The Quilters are just sewing & tacking along. We have over 125 quilts completed. We have sent several quilts over to Louisiana for those affected by the recent storms. Have someone that needs a quilt?

Let **Rosemarie Herring** know! (#201-5710)

Why not join us on a Thursday & help decide where to go to lunch!



EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION NEWS

Happy Fall Y'all! We are collecting canned goods November 1-November 11.

Everyone wear **RED** November 11th for Veterans Day.

Chicken Nugget Fundraiser during lunch November 17th & 18th.

We will be closed for Thanksgiving November 22nd-25th. Enjoy your holiday.

**Veronica Ochoa
& the ECE Staff**





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Elders: Todd Shuford 409-300-0575 David Smalley 254-913-4705		2 9:30am ECE Chapel	3 5:30 Meal 6pm Midweek, Confirmation, High School Youth, & Adult Bible Study 7pm Handbells	4 9:30am Quilting 6pm Board of Mission & Assimilations Meeting 11 9:30am Quilting	5	6
7 9:30am Sunday School 10:30 Worship w/ Comm. All Saints' Sunday Noon Choir Practice	8	9 8:30am Circuit Professionals Meeting 9:30am ECE Chapel 6pm LWML Bd of Ed Meeting 7pm MDAW Meeting	10 5:30 Meal 6pm Midweek, Confirmation, High School Youth, & Adult Bible Study 7pm Handbells	11 9:30am Quilting	12	13
14 9:30am Sunday School 10:30 Blended Worship Noon Choir Practice	15	16 9:30am ECE Chapel 1-3:30pm Fit & Fun	17 5:30 Meal 6pm Midweek, Confirmation, High School Youth, & Adult Bible Study 7pm Handbells	18 9:30am Quilting	19	20
21 9:30am Sunday School 10:30 Worship w/ Comm. Noon Choir Practice Middle School Youth Project	22 6pm Elders' Meeting	23 9:30am ECE Chapel 10:30am Prayer Card Ministry	24 No Midweek Activities	25 Church Office Closed 	26 Church Office Closed 	27
28 9:30am Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Noon Choir Practice	29	30 9:30am ECE Chapel 6pm Church Council	<i>ECE/MSD Fall Break No Classes</i> Altar Guild: Joann & Ronnie Vize	Lay Readers: TBA	Ushers: 7—Jim Lavespere David Prioux 14—Chad Ford D.W. Withrow 21—Daryl Williams Ken Ludwig 28—Stuart Kieschnick Todd Kieschnick	Acolytes: 7—Dane Stewart Jude Stewart 14—Brennyn Denn Mlee Denn 21—Kyle Lavespere Victoria Wolfe 28—Landon Riley Grace Prioux