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## A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR SCOTT

Anacortes Lutheran Church - November 2022 Newsletter

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Dear Members and Friends of Anacortes Lutheran Church,

As we enter November, I am reminded of how in many of the apostle Paul's letters he includes, "I give thanks for..." and then names a person or group that has walked alongside him in fulfilling the calling to ministry that Christ has given him. What is it like to live a life where 'thanksgiving' is not just something we celebrate as a holiday this month (or last month if you are in Canada), but rather as a lifestyle or practice that changes the way we see this world?

Diana Butler Bass has written a book titled "Grateful: The Transformative Power of Giving Thanks" where she explores what changes in a person's life when they begin to approach situations in life through the lens of gratitude. Weaving in the social sciences, spirituality, and community engagement, she gives credence to how gratitude can strengthen our relationship with God, our neighbors, and even with ourselves. This is a follow-up book to "Grounded: Finding God in the World, A Spiritual Revolution" and takes the work and practice of gratitude to a place that feeds our very souls.

Gratitude, giving thanks, is an activity that becomes easier the more a person practices, just like anything else requiring practice. What would the change be in ourselves, and in our wider congregation and community, if we began an intentional practice of Giving Thanks this month? When we finally approach Thanksgiving, having had many days of practice, how might our experience of that holiday differ from how we have lived it in the past. Giving thanks for the gathering of family and friends – even when we don't see things the same way – reminds us that it is love that ultimately gathers us. Giving thanks for the wiggly youth during worship reminds us of the playfulness and energy that being in God's presence should raise up in us. Giving thanks for the rain that reminds us that winter is coming and that life continues even as the darkness lingers. Giving thanks for the bread and wine that reminds us that Jesus is with us.

Let us celebrate this month as we work toward living a life of gratitude!

Grateful,  
Pastor Scott

# WELCOME TO FALL & THE ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP SEASON

Greeting and Blessings to our members and friends of Anacortes Lutheran Church.

**BLUF** (Bottom Line Up Front):

**This is a Stewardship letter, so asking for money, time, and service will be a given.**

Together we have been good Stewards of our house with God. We teamed up and painted the sanctuary, swapped out the ceiling fans, and revitalized our home with Jesus. We continue to have a strong and energetic youth program. We have come through a lot this year. Thank you for all you have given.

Through your generous contributions we have continued to meet our financial obligations while we have returned to in-person worship.

Working on this year's budget we are faced with a few challenges.

First and foremost considering the input from last year's budget vote meeting we are going to add a part-time Youth and Family Ministries position. This will add about \$25,000 to our bottom-line budget. This will ensure that we will continue to grow and nurture our youth activities.

Second, the cost of operating this next year will rise due to current inflation. In our budget we will need to plan for that. Salary increases along with the added cost to our usual operating expenses (heat, gas water insurance, safety inspections etc.) as well as our yearly required maintenance.

Finally, during our next year, our loan for the pre-school remodel will come due. With the current rise in interest rates, we would prefer to not have to re-finance this. We are looking for ways to pay off this debt for good.

To meet our next year's budget, I ask all of us to find it in our hearts and especially our budgets to increase our giving. We continue to have a growing and truly caring congregation. Let's continue to do the Lord's work together!

Yours in Christ's service  
Don Devine, Jr.  
Stewardship chair

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## OFFERING ENVELOPES

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Offering Envelopes are being prepared for 2023 and will be available for pick up in November.

**Let me know if:**

1. You would like envelopes next year and don't have them currently.
2. You have offering envelopes but do not wish to use them any longer.

You can put a message in my box by the office, call me at 206•335•4295 or email me at [millo2@aol.com](mailto:millo2@aol.com).

Thank you! Just for your information, the people with offering envelopes have giving numbers of 1 - 100.

Linda Millo, Financial Recorder

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## From your COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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Did any of you watch the amazing video of the little DART space probe that was purposely crashed into a faraway asteroid to see if we could change its trajectory? The thing that amazed me most about the whole sequence was how fast the target asteroid loomed up onto the screen. From looking very small and faraway to "Bam," filling up the screen, seconds before impact. Well, year-end 2022 is still looking comfortably far away, but we have to keep in mind that "Bam," it will be here in a startlingly short time.

### **And we've got some year-end housekeeping to do between now and then:**

- **The Stewardship/Budget** cycle is in that category. Don will be leading us through that annual ritual and the Council is inclined to take some aggressive steps this year toward fulfilling our mission.
- **Next Year's Officers:** We are faced with the retirement of some of our key leadership team and we must form a nominating committee who can recruit a new crop of leaders. I think young families and new members are a good source of new enthusiasm and talent. We've recently seen several of our newer members take on important jobs around the church.
- **The Church Picture Directory:** We're going to give new members and others another chance to get into the directory before we print it, but we're very close. One session, no signup required, Sunday, October 23rd immediately after Church.
- **We experienced an unfortunate illegal entry** a couple of weeks ago and we're going to have to be more vigilant about closing and locking all doors and windows when we leave. The good news is that the entry was not vandalism, just petty theft, and we've recovered nearly all that was taken. But the Church will be locked during more hours of the day.

All in all, I see a very bright picture for Anacortes Lutheran this fall. We have several new faces worshipping with us. Make it a personal mission to make them welcome! I look forward to us being together for another wonderful season.

So my message this month is: Rejoice in each other's company! Find time right now to sing together, laugh together, and pray together. That year-end impact is coming up faster than you can imagine!

John Parker, Council President  
Go In Peace, Serve the Lord

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## From your LEGACY ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

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### **Did you know?**

Anacortes Lutheran has a LEGACY ENDOWMENT FUND, which was formed, several years ago, when the church received a major contribution from a member's will. Others have contributed to this fund since its inception.

The fund is managed and administered by the Legacy Committee which ensures that funds are carefully invested. Each year, a portion of the portfolio proceeds can be used for one of these purposes:

- Community and Synod Outreach
- Worldwide missions of the ELCA
- Capital improvements, debt reduction, or a church building program

### **How you can help:**

- Join the Legacy Committee
- Contributions to the fund
- Ideas for needs that the fund could support

Committee Members include Rod Odegaard, Wayne Olsen, and Gail Bongard



# SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH



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## ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

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We gather in worship to remember the saints that have entered the Church Triumphant.

### Candles are Lit:

Candles will be lit in memory of all who have died and all who have been baptized in the past year.

This is a special day of thanksgiving for all the saints.

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## NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

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- Lacey & Kenny Smith,  
and their children Caden & Stella
- Carl & Kristen Ellsworth  
and their children Carl & Asher
- Paddy & Bill Sarvis
- Melinda & Howard Sorensen
- Kirk & Marta Swanson  
and their child Annika
- Gary & Joy Walter

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## PRAISE SUNDAY

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We will be singing contemporary Christian Music the 1st Sunday of the month.

Led by the **Praise Team:** Matt Kerschbaum and Dana McCoy with our lead singer Rock star himself, Pastor Scott Peterson.

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## FAMILY SUNDAY - 1st Sunday of the month

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The **first Sunday of the month is Family Sunday** where children are encouraged to assist in the Worship service.

You can sign up at our Opportunity Desk for future months in the year

We are looking for the following support in service Sunday, Nov 6:

- Entry Greeter (2)
- Welcome Desk Greeter (1):
- Usher (2)
- Acolyte (2)
- Reading (1-2)
- Communion Assts: (+1)
- Noisy Offering Attendant (2)
- Personal talent of instrumental/poetry reading
- Fellowship Treats
- Assist serving/clean up with fellowship hour.

To encourage active listening with children during the service 5 words are chosen by the Sunday schoolers to be used in the Pastors sermon.

Thank you for allowing us to support your children's growth in their faith in our Lord.

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## NOISY OFFERINGS - 1st Sunday of the month

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This is another highlight of Family Sunday and is to be designated for a youth activity.

What great lessons learned about tithing and saving? WOW...what a family of givers in our congregation.

**Thank you all!**

**So save your change for the next  
NOISY OFFERING — SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH**



### EDUCATION TIME - SUNDAYS AT 9 AM FOR ALL AGES

After classes everyone will join together for Worship at 10 am

**CONFIRMATION CLASS (Grades 6-8)** in conference room #2

**SUNDAY SCHOOL (Grades K-5th)** - in the Sunday School rms, upstairs.

**Registration forms** may be found at the Opportunity desk, or on our website at [www.anacorteslutheran.org](http://www.anacorteslutheran.org)

**ADULT ED CLASSES - (Adults & High School teens)** - meet in Fellowship Hall

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## CHOIR – WE ARE STILL HERE!

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**Things have changed.** There aren't as many people participating in church choirs these days. Some have gone on to sing in the heavenly choir. Some of the voices have weakened a bit. Some have lost a portion of their vocal range. The traditional ways of doing things are disappearing. Many choirs do not sing in robes anymore and the instrumentation has changed. The piano and organ are supplemented with other instruments, including drums and guitars. Things definitely have changed, and change is inevitable (and sometimes very healthy!).

**However, choral singing is still beautiful.** Dynamics are still breathtaking. Articulations and phrasing are still painting vivid pictures of the text. Good breath support is still creating notes that are on pitch and carry with them great depth of sound. Choir members are still dedicated to working hard each week to bless the Lord and His people.

**What has not changed** is the fact that choir is still one of the most beautiful and engaging ministries in the local church. It provides a powerful expression of praise and worship for all to experience.

**We are so fortunate at Anacortes Lutheran Church to still have a choir** and to have dedicated members who love to sing. The congregation appreciates us by telling us what it means to them to hear a choir and to use the anthem as a vehicle of prayer and praise. Don't take our choir for granted, we have become very small and are in desperate need of more members. It takes a lot of commitment to create and maintain a church choir. Please pray for our choir members regularly and pray that we will have more members join us.

**Hurray for all those church choir members!**

May God continue to use us powerfully in a world that desperately needs to hear His message.

ALC Choir

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## OLD-TIME MUSIC JAM SESSION

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**OK You Closet Church Musicians, We know you're out there!!** Let's get together for an old fashioned Jam Session. Guitar, mandolin, fiddle, bass, banjo, Uke, anything with strings! We'll just gather together for an hour or two and enjoy each other's music. We all love to sing and play along with and listen to our friends make music. So, we'll sit in a circle and pass the songs around to our hearts content; old Folk, Bluegrass, Gospel, Gypsy Jazz, it's dealer's choice.

We'll have a couple of extra guitars and an amp or two so come on down and Bring a friend!

**Thursday evening, November 17 at 7:00 pm  
in the Fellowship Hall**

POC: John Parker 360•424•2302 or  
Kenny Holzemer 360•333•7712





**Thank you all for the donations** - for the Skagit Homeless project, Lutheran World Relief projects and the Quilt Raffle for shipping! What wonderful support this congregational family gives us. We thank the Lord for your help.

**At our Thankoffering meeting in October** - we gave thanks for all that God has given us and sent an offering to the churchwide office to support the many non-profit organizations that serve the physical, emotional and spiritual health for women and families across the world.

This Fall has been very busy, but we now take a breath before December's activities.

Thanksgiving reminds us to be thankful for all that we have: Our health, families, friends, church, freedoms and our blessings.

## **A LOOK AHEAD-MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

**All women are invited:**

**CHRISTMAS BRUNCH - Tues, Dec 13 at 10 am**

**ADOPT A SALVATION ARMY FAMILY-** look for the tree with tags on it later in November.

Thank you!

Lois Cassidy, ALC WELCA President

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## **Lutheran World Relief KNITTING NEWS**

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### **KNITTING DAYS- MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21**

**1:00 - 3:00 pm - Conference Room #1**

NO meetings in December, January, February.

Yarn is available at the meeting.

Please call me to get yarn between meetings and to give your sweater counts, Thanks.

### **Our 2022 Shipment Total is:**

**Sweater/hat sets – 181**

**Sweaters – 4**

**Hats – 26**



**WOW! Another Record Breaker!**

**Thank you for all your loving support in our mission.**

One sweater/hat set goes into each layette set.

We use a fun one piece sweater pattern.

Beginners are welcome and teaching is available.

~Linda Anderson 360-588-1730

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## **SEWING NEWS - All are Welcome!**

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### **SEWING TUESDAYS**

**NOVEMBER 1, 15 & 29**

Remember -No sewing the week of Thanksgiving 22nd

**Starting at 9:00 am till 2:00 pm**

**in the Fellowship Hall**

Bring a lunch and join us. in the Fellowship Hall.

We are coming to the end of our fall shipment.

**On Thursday, November 3 at 3pm** in the fellowship hall, we will be weighing and putting boxes in the truck. Bob Higgins and Bryan Walker are driving the truck to Seattle on Friday, Nov 4..

We are still collecting flannel for baby blankets & diapers. Here is what goes into the kits.

#### **Personal Care Kits**

1 tooth brush

1 comb

1 pair of clippers

2 bars of soap—8-9oz bars.

1 bath towel (NOT the great big ones)

Size-20X40 or 52X70

#### **Baby Care Kits**

1 Hand Towel (dark colored recommended)

2 bars of soap— ivory or dove 8-9oz bars

Diaper pins

1 sweater jacket

2 baby blankets

2 sleepers

2 pairs of socks

2 onesies-cotton

t-shirts

Serving in Christ,

Julia Rogers 360-293-4232

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## **So what happens on Tuesday & Sewing**

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We sew, iron, cut diapers, cut quilt pieces, and visit.

We have a fun time!

Everyone is invited to come and help us.

#### **This last year we have made:**

**158 - Quilts,**

**150 - School Kits,**

**297 - Personal Care Kits,**

**259 - Baby Kits,**

**31 - Fabric Kits.**

**And we collected 1112 - bars of Soap.**

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## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY CIRCLES

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**MEET TUESDAY, November 8 at 10 am**

HANNAH & ANNA CIRCLE - in conference rm #2

Led by: Linda Walker

RUTH CIRCLE - in conference rm #1

Led by: Helene Fink 293-630-7544

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## MEN'S Thursday BIBLE STUDY

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**EVERY THURSDAY MORNING at 7:00 am**

In conference room #1

Led by Boyd Veer

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## PASTOR'S Thursday 11am BIBLE STUDY

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**EVERY THURSDAY at 11:00 am**

In conference room #1

Led by Pastor Scott

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## CHAPLAINCY PREPARATION PROGRAM

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**Josephine Caring Community**

9 month educational and experiential program.  
11hrs. per month. FREE.

**Deadline for applications is Nov 14.**

Contact Rev. Eileen Burdick, Spiritual Care Director  
eileenb@josephineecc.com / 360-389-3231

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## PROPERTY WORK DAY

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**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5**

**Starting 9 am**

Come help beautify our church.  
If you have projects to consider  
for Saturday parties contact  
Property Chair, Bill LeDuc



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## ALTAR GUILD MEETING

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**Monday, November 28th**

**10:30am** in Conference room 2

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## PASTOR SCOTT IS LOOKING FOR 4 PEOPLE

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**to be a part of leading worship on  
"Christ the King Sunday" (November 20).**

You would be reading a scripture passage, and then a narration about a part of the church year, and then pointing out a symbol that corresponds to the reading. Having 4 people would share the workload and provide more voices to share the story.

If you are interested, please contact Pastor Scott [pastor.scott@anacorteslutheran.org](mailto:pastor.scott@anacorteslutheran.org) and he can share the script for the readings/narrations with you and coordinate the designation of parts.

**Many blessings!**

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## NURSERY HELPERS

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### Sunday Nursery helpers needed

Heather Harrington, Nursery supervisor is looking for Teen and Adult volunteers to help in the nursery with her. It is important to have 2 people at all times.

Did you know the nursery has speakers so you can listen to the service and not miss a thing while help out. She has even said you wouldn't have to change any diapers.

Sign-up at the Opportunity desk—look for the **Faith And Service Team (FAST)** chart.

All that is required is a short background check. Call or Visit the church office for the form.

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**PLAN AHEAD FOR THE:**

### **Twelfth Triennial Gathering of the Women of ELCA**

September 21-24, **2023** in Phoenix, Arizona  
Theme: Just Love

All women are invited to share God's love with  
hundreds of women from across our nation.

**It is a wonderful experience!**

For more information, speak to Lois or Jeanene.

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## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

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### "Shoe Box Project"

Empty boxes are available in the narthex ready for you to pack with toys, school supplies, and personal care items.

**PLEASE RETURN FILLED BOXES BY SUNDAY, NOV. 13TH.**

Call Linda Walker @925-963-3879 if you have ?



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## PRAYERS - Receive the Gift of Prayer

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A list of Prayer Requests for our Congregation can be found in the Sunday scoop and on our website under "Prayer Page." Give the gift of prayer by including these requests in your daily prayers each week.

**Request or Update a prayer** by calling the church during office hours at 360-293-9586. Let them know if you are hospitalized, ill, or needing their prayers.

**Call Peggy** at 360-299-1184 for your prayer needs at any time, including Prayer Chain, confidential prayer, & updates to your prayer request.

As always, Pastor Scott Peterson is available to pray with you or for you.

You have a choice for your prayer request to be:

**CONFIDENTIAL** – Prayer Chain and Pastor only

**OR**

**PRINTED** - **Public** list in the Sunday Scoop and on the website Prayer page.

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## OUTREACH COMMITTEE - Caring and Sharing

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Should you have an interest in serving on the Outreach Committee or you have a brilliant idea, please contact Dave White at 206-226-7182, or email at lazygal@frontier.com.

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## ALC SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY **PRIME TIMERS**

- Retirees gathering together for Fun, Food and Fellowship

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### **Get-Together • Bunches of Sticky Buns**

**Friday, November 11, at 10am**

in the Fellowship Hall.

The theme is:

**"Give Thanks"**

We are celebrating  
**Veterans' Day.**

If you have military memorabilia that you would like to share, please bring them with you.

Sign up at the Opportunity Desk or call, text, or email Julie before Wednesday, November 9.



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## **Movie night is back!!!**

**Friday, November 18 at 6:30 pm**

**No sign up is needed - just come and enjoy.**

Popcorn will be provided.

*Please bring your own drink.*

Have a great month,  
stay safe, and be happy.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Paul & Julie Dusenbury



*Thank you* to the Anacortes Lutheran Church for hosting the Art Sale & Auction in honor of Bob & Virginia Dusenbury.

*Thank you* to the many volunteers who went above and beyond to help us make this event a big success.

We are so grateful!

Paul & Julie Dusenbury and family





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## JOSEPHINE'S GIVING PROJECT

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Each year Josephine Caring Community, in conjunction with its partner churches, shared God's love by providing Christmas gifts to each one of our residents. This year we asked the residents what they would like most for Christmas. A majority of the residents asked for music. Such as carolers or instrumental music. With the covid-related restrictions, live music has been greatly missed these past couple of years. We know that is going to be a little trickier to sing with mask and social distancing, but our residents will still love it and greatly appreciate your musical offering.

Also, this year residents have asked for three consistent things over and over. They would like a new throw blanket, grippy socks (non-skid), and a neck pillow. We asked that these gifts be placed in a Christmas bag as a bundle, with the tag Josephine has provided, stating the residents name attached to it. These gifts are so meaningful and need to our residents.

Please identify or appoint a coordinator who can oversee the process of the gift giving for your congregation. Here is how it works:

- Your congregation will identify parishioners who are willing to provide a gift.
- Based on the number of people who volunteer, you will receive gift tags identifying the resident's first name and gift list. Your parishioners can then purchase these items.
- Due to dietary restrictions, we ask that you please do not include any supplemental food related items.
- Once the gifts are collected, they should be delivered to Josephine. We have a group of cheery staff who will help us distribute them on Christmas Eve.

### IMPORTANT DATES— 2022

**November 18** - Let us know how many gift tags your congregation would like to fulfill.

**November 23** - Gift tags will be sent to you for distribution to those who signed up to participate.

**December 15** - Gifts should be delivered to Josephine Caring Community

**December 24** - Gifts will be distributed to residents with appropriate good cheer.

Last year, with your help, we provided about 200 residents with gifts. We hope that you might join with us again this year to ensure that each resident feels cared for and loved this Christmas season.

Please feel free to reach out to me via phone 360-386-3114 or email [Shannont@Joephinecc.com](mailto:Shannont@Joephinecc.com)

Shannon Terpak Activity Director

### A New Way to Care and Share ...

## 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 1) a throw blanket; 2) a neck pillow; and 3) a pair of non-skid socks  
and/or

**Musical offering:** weekday and weekend openings between Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>–Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> are available to provide live music for our residents. Please use the following links to schedule your group:

**SUNDAY afternoon worship:** [signup.com/go/DszscfF](https://signup.com/go/DszscfF)

**WEEKDAY afternoons:** [signup.com/go/KnzBeDh](https://signup.com/go/KnzBeDh)

**WEEKEND lunch hour:** [signup.com/go/qSjzkiA](https://signup.com/go/qSjzkiA)

**WEEKEND dinner hour:** [signup.com/go/BDPMAhL](https://signup.com/go/BDPMAhL)

For more questions and information contact Shannon Terpak at (360) 629-2126

Thank you for your continued support of Josephine's residents

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## BSA SCOUT TROOPS 4084

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### **BOY TROOP 4084** - ages 11-17

Mondays at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall  
Leader: Robert Eggleston  
509-230-9648 /manu\_tara@hotmail.com

### **GIRL TROOP 4084** - ages 11-17

Tuesdays at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall  
Leader: Rebecca Eggleston  
360-588-8328 /scoutmaster4084g@gmail.com

### **CUB PACK 4081** - ages 5-10 or K-5th grade

1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 6:00 pm  
In the Sunday School rooms  
Leader: Kyle Ellertson  
907-888-1638 /kellertson84@yahoo.com

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## GIRL SCOUT TROOPS

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### **DAISY TROOP 41205** - Kindergarten 5-6 year old's

2nd & 4th Mondays at 5:30 pm  
Meet in Youth room  
Leader: Cherie Goyer

### **BROWNIE TROOP 41804** - Brownies - 2nd grade

3rd Thursday at 5:30 pm  
Meet in Youth room  
Leader: Cherie Goyer

### **GIRL SCOUT TROOP 44451** - 9th -12th grades

1st & 3rd Mondays at 5:30 pm  
Meet in Conference room #1  
Leader: Ginny Connelly



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## THIS & THAT- BITS & PIECES

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- Church Office Hours: Monday - Friday / 9:00 am – 2:00 pm
- Church Office email & phone #: 360-293-9586 / info@anacorteslutheran.org
- Do You Need to talk to the Pastor? Schedule an appointment by email or calling the office  
Pastor Scott Peterson: pastorscott@anacorteslutheran.org
- "LIKE" our Facebook / YouTube / Instagram pages: Anacortes Lutheran Church
- Worship Services, Updates & News: VISIT our website - <https://www.anacorteslutheran.org>
- Has your phone #, address or email changed? Are you receiving emails from church? Call the office!
- Do you need help? Ride to worship, a friend? Call the church office - maybe we can help.
- Newsletter Deadline: The Third Monday of every month.
- Prayer Requests: Keep the church current on your loved ones who are or need to be named on our prayer list by calling or emailing the office.
- Altar Flowers: To give flowers in honor or memory of someone, sign up on the "Flower Chart" at the back of the Narthex.
- Giving 5 Ways: Vanco Mobile App/TEXT 360-328-7521/mail a check /offering plate/ALC website~Giving tab
- Welcome Desk: (*located in the Narthex*) You can find new member information, newsletter publications, weekly Sunday Scoops, "Christ in our Home" devotionals & additional information.
- Opportunity Desk: (*next to the Fellowship Hall*). Here you will find different ways to be of service throughout the church, Serving in Worship and Fellowship hour. Sign up sheets for Group Events, Prime Timers, Youth Events, etc. Preschool & Confirmation Registration forms.

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## CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES

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We started Sunday School and Confirmation on October 9th. Don Devine is returning as our Confirmation Teacher and is looking for someone to assist him on Sunday mornings. Stacey, Kathy and Ginny are the Sunday School teachers again this year. We are looking for more teachers. If you are interested please contact Stacey Pestar.

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** - Sunday, Dec 18 at 10am. Sunday School is already planning for the Christmas Program. All Pre-school & Elementary aged children are invited to help tell the story of Christmas.

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS STORE** - Kendra Kennedy is heading up the Children's Christmas Store in December. The store will be open on Dec 11, 14 & 18 for children in the congregation and community to shop for their loved ones. (*needing just quarters*) After shopping, they will have the opportunity to wrap the presents.

If you are interested in helping please contact Kendra Kennedy.  
**DONATIONS of gently used items (*not clothes*) are NEEDED.**  
**Please drop off at the church labeled "Christmas Store".**

Kendra Kennedy  
Education Committee Chair

## PAST EVENTS

**Oct 9 - Sunday school & Confirmation began**

**Oct 23 - Schuh Farms Family Outing**

We kick off the fall season by having church families met at Schuh farms in Mount Vernon.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Nov 5 @ 4-8pm - 1st Communion & Acolyte class at Church**

Plan to make the communion bread and then eat pizza.  
All children that want to attend are welcome.

**Nov 15 @ 12noon - Ed Committee Meeting in Conf. rm 1**

**Dec 4 - Last day of Confirmation until Jan 15**

**Dec 11 @ 8-9:30am - Children's Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal**

**@ 11-1pm - Children's Christmas Store • Opening Day**

**Dec 14 @ 4-6pm - Children's Christmas Store • Open**

**Dec 18 @ 10am - Children's Christmas Program**

**@ 11-1pm - Children's Christmas Store • Open (*last day*)**

**Jan 8 - Youth Pancake Breakfast**

**Jan 15 @ 9am - 1st Day back to Sunday School/Confirmation**

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## FAMILY SUNDAY

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### **1st Sunday of the month**

**Children are encouraged to assist in the worship service.**

- Entry Greeter (2)
- Welcome Desk Greeter (1)
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- Acolyte (2)
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- Noisy offering attendant (2)
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## NOISY OFFERINGS

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**~ With Gratitude ~**

Family Sunday Noisy Offerings, from our generous congregation, over the past four months, has contributed a total of \$429.72 to our Youth account. We thank you so much We're searching for meaningful way to give back to our community.

What a wonderful church family we have. We are so blessed!



# WORSHIPING TOGETHER THIS FALL



**Sundays at 9:00 am - Christian Education Time for Everyone**

**Sunday Service at 10:00 am in person or live stream**

from your home by going to our website at <https://www.anacorteslutheran.org> & click tab "Online Ministry"

## **NOVEMBER • FAITH AND SERVICE TOGETHER**

If you would like to volunteer to fill in an **empty spot** sign-up at the Opportunity desk or call the office.

	Family & Praise Sunday All Saints Day New Members Welcome		Christ the King	1st Sunday in Advent
<b>Dates:</b>	<b>Nov 6</b>	<b>Nov 13</b>	<b>Nov 20</b>	<b>Nov 27</b>
<b>Readings</b>	2 Kings 5:1-15a Matthew 8:2-3	Micah 1:3-5, 5:2-5a; 6:6-8 Matthew 9:13	Isaiah 36:1-3, 13- 20; 37:1-7; & 2:1-4 Matthew 5:14	Habakkuk 1:1-7; 2:1-4; 3:3-6, 17-19 Matt 26:36-38
<b>Greeters</b>	1. 2.	1. 2.	1. 2.	Marta & Kirk Swanson
<b>Ushers</b>				
<b>Reader</b>	Anne Barry	Lois Cassidy	John Parker	Don Devine
<b>Acolytes</b>	1. Stella Smith 2.	1. 2.	1. 2.	1. 2.
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	1. Anne Barry 2. Stacey Pestar	1. Lois Cassidy 2.	1. 2.	1. Don Devine 2.
<b>Nursery</b>	1. 2.	1. Pamela Gray 2.	1. 2.	1. 2.

**Fellowship Hour** — *After Worship everyone is invited to join us for coffee, juice and treats*

<b>Serve &amp; Cleanup</b>	1. 2.	1. 2.	1. 2.	1. 2.
<b>Treats</b>	1. The Gray Family 2.	1. 2.	<b>Pie Sunday</b> Bring a pie to share	1. 2.

<b>Sound Team:</b>	Harlan Eggleston, Brian Hanrahan, Michael Hanrahan, Kenny Holzemer, Matt Kerschbaum, Pat Carrie Smith
<b>Live Stream Team:</b>	Rebecca Eggleston, Anita Holzemer, Kevin & Kendra Kennedy, Joe Pestar, Gina Peterson, Pat Carrie Smith
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Gunilla Wold, Grace Boggio, Diane Gusa, Norma Knutsen, Paula Olson, Jenny Remmerden, Karen Tavalero, Caroline Spehar

# NOVEMBER

## Birthday Blessings!

01 Joy Walter  
 02 Marta Swanson  
 03 Denise Lowrie  
 03 Phil Weber  
 04 Lynn DeFrancesco  
 04 Sue Latendresse  
 05 Robert Higgins  
 07 Warner Berglund  
 08 Fred Fisher  
 10 Grace Boggio  
 10 Tristyn Connelly  
 10 Kristen Ellsworth  
 10 Lorna Higgins  
 15 Kaylee Lust  
 16 Sally Pagh  
 17 Signe Anderson-Graves  
 17 Zoey Nibarger  
 19 McKinley Baker  
 19 Stan Zimmerman  
 21 Mindy Sorensen  
 21 Linda Walker  
 22 Ken Klepsch  
 24 Reed Espinoza  
 24 Karen Faulkner  
 25 Jo Rockwood

## PASTORAL ACTS

Pastor Scott Peterson

### BAPTISMS

September 18, 2022

Emma Rose Flanigan

Parents: Michael & Erin

Big sister: Ella

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September 25, 2022

Caleb David DeAtley &

Stella Evelyne Smith

Parents: Lacey & Kenny Smith

### MEMORIALS

October 3, 2022

GRAVESIDE SERVICE

Alfred "Curley" Engen

December 24, 1925—August 13, 2022

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October 8, 2022

MEMORIAL—ALC

Virginia Dusenbury

February 21, 1927—August 31, 2022

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October 29, 2022

MEMORIAL—EVANS

Tom Larsen

November 8, 1930—July 26, 2022

*A  
Thanksgiving  
Prayer*

"We offer with joy and  
 thanksgiving what  
 you have first given us;  
 ourselves, our time, and  
 our possessions, signs of  
 your gracious love.

Receive them for the  
 sake of him who offered  
 himself for us,  
 Jesus Christ our Lord.  
 Amen"



## Wedding Anniversaries!

04 Boyd & Ginny Veer  
 10 Bud & Wanda Rock  
 14 Matthew & Bonnie Kennedy  
 17 Jim & Laurie Carver  
 18 Fred & Sharon Fisher  
 20 David & Diane Brosten  
 21 Phil & Sue Latendresse  
 21 Robert Collins & Kristen Hoffbuhr  
 25 Mark & Penny McCaughan  
 25 Jerry & Ann Knutsen  
 30 Cami & Brian Mavar

## SEPTEMBER- Worship Services

Date	Events	In-Person	Live Stream
4	Family / Gospel Sunday	90	90
11		96	46
18	Baptism	103	64
25	Baptism	100	44

## OCTOBER - Worship Services

Date	Events	In-Person	Live Stream
2	Family Sunday	96	42
9	Praise Sunday	98	38
16		105	34
23	Quilt Blessing	122	
30	Reformation Sunday		





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## ALC COUNCIL MINUTES - OCTOBER 13, 2022

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**Attendees:** John Parker, Lane Phelan, Jeanette Christensen, Jeaneen Brogan, Brian Hanrahan, Pastor Scott, Don Devine, Anne Barry, Anita Holzemer, Kendra Kennedy, Heather Harrington

The meeting was called to order and opened with prayer. September minutes were approved. MSP.

**Treasurer's Report:** We are on track after three quarters of giving. Benevolences have been paid. MSP to approve this quarter's benevolence recipients including Lutherwood, Friendship House, Salvation Army, Lutheran Disaster Relief, Josephine Sunset Home, El Camino de Emaus, and Young Life. We are depositing the preschool tuition payments. There was a request for two preschool scholarships. MSP to pay the scholarships with preschool legacy scholarship fund. Committee chairs have been given detailed spending reports, so they are aware of their current giving.

**Pastor's Report:** Attended the "Let's Go Together" meeting in Burlington. This will run for the next 5 Wednesdays. There is room for more participants from our church if you are interested. Met with Bishop Wee and other pastoral leaders for a Wee Walk.

**President's Report:** The end of the year is fast approaching. Lots to do before we get there including Stewardship and budgeting, next year's council leaders, and security issues here at the church. John will stay on another year and is looking for another good team. Upcoming council vacancies currently include Education, Youth, and Fellowship.

### Old Business:

1. Anita reported on open items still needing action.
2. Wedding/Funeral Fees: Don will bring a hard copy for next month's meeting. Rachel will also email out a copy. We will revisit this next month.
3. Photo Directory Status: We will offer two more sessions of photo taking for those that want to be included in the directory. We are still waiting on a printing quote. Heather will help us get a quote from Bayshore.
4. Replacement for Accounting Firm: Lane did some research. Our current accountant is retiring. Ministry Works, a branch of Brotherhood Mutual, is affordable and could take over the payroll system. We would still need someone to do the bookkeeping portion. MSP to hire Ministry Works to provide payroll services for one year. MSP to hire ABS for one year to handle our bookkeeping.
5. Drive for a Fellowship Chairperson: Still no luck. Jeaneen talked to Kathy Khile about past Fellowship events. Jeaneen suggested we divide the job up. It was suggested council sponsor a potluck meal every other month or so. People have ideas. Maybe interested people can host various events as it interests them.

### New Business:

1. Church illegal entry: Bill will pursue motion sensor lights and cameras as a preventative measure once he returns from vacation.
2. Attendance: Currently we are averaging a weekly attendance of 100. What can we do to increase attendance? It was suggested we track online numbers. **ACTION ITEM:** Kendra will work with Pat Carrie Smith to start keeping online attendance data.
3. Water Heater(s) replacement: The water heaters near the Fellowship Hall and in the basement have failed and will need replacing. We will downsize to one water heater in the Fellowship Hall but we will need a quote from a commercial plumber.

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4. Stewardship/Budget Plan: Don is working on the 2023 budget. He is suggesting a \$595,000 budget for next year. This includes \$20,000 for a part time Youth & Family person and a COLA for staff. Don will do a temple talk on Oct 30. A proposed budget will be presented at next month's council meeting. **ACTION ITEM:** Committee chair-people need to submit input to Don on spending wants/needs. Get your numbers in to Don by the end of October.
5. Potential for Covid "lost salary" reimbursement: Lane will work with Ministry Works to seek their help in recouping funds lost during the COVID shutdown. There is a potential to recoup funds based on the pre school closure and employee cutbacks through the CARES Act.
6. Musicians Jam Session: Kenny Holzemer and John Parker will start a music session beginning on Thursday 10/27 at 7:00 PM. If it works, we may expand to the general community.
7. Preschool job descriptions: Anne worked hard at bringing the job descriptions into line with the church guidelines. She met with Maggie to work out the details. There will no longer be a preschool "board". It will now be a preschool "committee" and will meet with the Pastor, treasurer, and an ALC parent/guardian of a current student. They will meet semi-annually at minimum but may meet more frequently. MSP to accept proposed changes. **ACTION ITEM:** Anne will send the documents electronically to Anita for editing. Anita will edit and send out to council before the next meeting for approval. Preschool would like to order a privacy screen for the playground. **ACTION ITEM:** Maggie or Anne will send privacy screen information to the Properties committee for research/purchase.

#### Council Roundtable:

- Reformation plans are underway. New members will be joining soon.
- Thanksgiving Eve services will not happen but suggested a pie potluck be held after Sunday service before Thanksgiving.
- Preliminary plans are underway for Christmas Dinner. Details to be finalized.
- Sunday School Christmas program will be held on Dec 18. Christmas Store plans are underway. A pancake breakfast will be held again, hopefully with a Thrivent grant to help with the cost.
- Oct 23 will be Quilt Blessing Sunday. WELCA will ask the congregation to help carry the boxes downstairs so congregants realize how many boxes we are actually shipping. Shipping on Nov 4. Oct 25 is the Thankoffering service. We will learn about the Skagit Homeless.
- Personnel: Working on permission slips for photos of youth prior to posting to social media. **ACTION ITEM:** Jeaneen will contact the custodians regarding securing the church after church services.

Our next council meeting will be held November 10 at 6:30 pm.

The meeting closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Anita Holzemer, Council Secretary

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### Pray for our 2022 Church Council & Committees

<i>President:</i>	John Parker	<i>Treasurer:</i>	Lane Phelan
<i>Vice-President:</i>	Brian Hanrahan	<i>Education:</i>	Kendra Kennedy
<i>Secretary:</i>	Anita Holzemer	<i>Personnel:</i>	Jeaneen Brogan
<i>Outreach:</i>	Peggy White	<i>Properties:</i>	Bill LeDuc
<i>Preschool:</i>	Anne Barry	<i>Worship:</i>	David Bjornson
<i>Stewardship:</i>	Donald Devine	<i>WELCA :</i>	Jeanette Christensen
<i>Fellowship :</i>		<i>Youth:</i>	Heather Harrington
<i>NW Synod Reps:</i>	Linda Millo & Lois Cassidy	<i>Council Youth rep:</i>	Persephone Pestar
<i>Josephine Delegate:</i>	Jerry Bongard & Bill LeDuc		

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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



*\*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.*

**November 1**

World Vegan Day  
National Autistics Speaking Day

**November 2**

National Deviled Egg Day

**November 3**

National Sandwich Day  
National Housewives Day

**November 4**

International Stout Day  
National Candy day

**November 5**

National Love Your Red Hair Day  
National Donut Day

**November 6**

National Saxophone Day  
National Nacho Day

**November 7**

International Merlot Day

**November 8**

National S.T.E.M/S.T.E.A.M Day  
National Harvey Wallbanger Day

**November 9**

World Adoption Day  
World Freedom Day

**November 10**

Vanilla Cupcake Day  
World NET Cancer Day

**November 11**

Veterans Day  
International Origami Day

**November 12**

National Pizza with the works except anchovies Day

**November 13**

World Kindness Day  
Wine Tourism Day

**November 14**

National Family PJ Day  
International Tongue Twister Day

**November 15**

National Raisin Bran Cereal Day  
National Philanthropy Day

**November 16**

International Check Your Wipers Day  
International Day for Tolerance

**November 17**

National Take a Hike Day  
Guinness World Records Day

**November 18**

National Princess Day  
World Pancreatic Cancer Day

**November 19**

World Play Monopoly Day  
World Toilet Day  
International Stand Up To Bullying Day

**November 20**

Universal Absurdity Day  
National Peanut Butter Fudge Day

**November 21**

National Red Mitten Day  
World Hello Day

**November 22**

National Cranberry Relish Day

**November 23**

National Espresso Day  
National Cashew Day

**November 24**

National Sardines Day

**November 25**

International Day for the Elimination of Violence  
Against Women Day

**November 26**

National Cake Day

**November 27**

National Bavarian Cream Pie Day

**November 28**

Red Planet Day  
National French Toast Day

**November 29**

Electronic Greetings Day

**November 30**

Stay Home because you are Well Day  
National Mason Jar Day