In August, my cousin’s daughter came to visit from Texas. My daughters were eager for her to arrive. They made special artwork and wrote notes of welcome, helped clean the house and grocery shop. For days we counted down her arrival. What joy and excitement ensued during the 3-day visit! The girls were bustling with energy and affection for our special guest.

How do we as church welcome and embrace guests? Do we clean and prepare our church? Do we spend time with our guests and get to know them deeply? Or do we smile and nod and hope we don’t have to engage in awkward small talk?

Recall in Genesis 18 that Abraham and Sarah are visited by angels. “God appeared to Abraham … while he was sitting at the entrance of his tent... He looked up and saw three men standing. He ran from his tent to greet them and bowed before them.” Abraham said, “Stop for a while... I’ll get some water so you can wash your feet. Rest under this tree. I’ll get some food to refresh you on your way...”

We see this radical hospitality of Abraham to strangers who happen upon his camp. He could have offered them a drink and sent them on their way, but Abraham goes the extra mile. He invites them to his home to rest, wash, and eat a meal. He doesn’t offer excuses or say that he is too busy or tired to welcome the guests.

We might think that it is easy to offer hospitality in our home to a guest we are excited to see – a distant friend or dear family member that we rarely see. But hospitality is more than opening our home or church to people like us or dear to us. Hospitality is a word with a spiritual history, as a matter of fact. Monasteries grew up around the 5th century. Strangers in need could come there for care. The first primitive hospitals, in fact, began there. Hospital, hospice, hospitable, hospitality—all from the same root word, meaning generous, caring, sustaining. The most famous of these monasteries was that of St. Benedict. Benedict created a book of rules to live by, called The Rule of Benedict, which is used still today by many monasteries. The foundation of the rule is listening: “Listen with the ear of your heart.”

Hospitality rolls easily off the tongue—to actually carry it out is a demanding undertaking. But we are not a department store or restaurant where one would expect to be received politely, as is our due. No, we are a church, and it is appropriate that we ask ourselves, what is the moral dimension of our hospitality, of our reception of others, of our solidarity with others, who may not look like us or move from the same assumptions or values? I’m not talking about being politically correct, or legalistic—I’m talking about hospitality as spiritual practice. It is not just opening the doors—but opening the heart. There is a world out there that needs home, that needs community, and we have this extraordinary opportunity to stretch spiritually, to stretch ourselves open and receive God.

We welcome Project Home into our midst for the month of November. Let us graciously and joyfully open our arms to our guests. Take time this month to practice hospitality – sign up to spend the evening or night with our guest, sit with someone new at coffee hour, befriend one of our newest members, invite a neighbor to join you at choir or worship. Show someone extraordinary hospitality, and perhaps in the process you will be entertaining angels like Sarah and Abraham.
Timely Thoughts for Wider Stewardship

As we prepare for our annual time of stewardship focus this November perhaps a helpful word for our consideration is ‘gratitude’. The Benedictine monk David Steindl-Rast writes that gratitude can be a disposition that precedes goodness, instead of a logical response that follows. An example of this is that it is not happiness that makes us grateful, but gratefulness that makes us happy. Part of what this can mean is that being grateful is a perspective we can cultivate which helps us see the good and blessings in our lives.

Another contemporary Christian Author, Brene Brown, writes that grateful people don’t just have an inclination or ‘attitude of gratitude’ but instead these people engage in specific practices that fuel their sense of gratefulness – say grace before meals, offering prayers of thanks at the beginning or end of the day, or gathering for worship a disciplines that help us trust and value God’s goodness.

As you prepare to make your stewardship commitment for 2019 in your support for the life and work of God through Our Redeemer let that decision grow out of your gratitude for what Christ has done and your gratitude for who we are as partners in God’s work through the ministry here. You will be receiving a letter for the Stewardship Team next week and we ask you to have prayerful conversation and consideration in terms of your financial and personal commitment to Our Redeemer. We are asking people to bring completed commitment cards and the interest inventory to worship on Sunday, November 18th when they will be received during worship.

Young Adult Ministry—Tim Thao

#Young Adults Matter Forum: Sunday, November 11 at 10:00am.

Becoming a grown up means something very different than it used to. The realities and perceived markers of adulthood have evolved over the past four decades. A young adult today is likely educated and employed, though not necessarily married or a parent as was the norm of decades past. Success, financial independence, and life goals all look differently and are shaped by differing factors. Come to an adult forum on Sunday, November 11 to hear from Augsburg Innovation Coach, Tim Thao. He will speak on the topic #Young Adults Matter. Learn about the research of Augsburg Riverside Innovation Hub and the Lilly Foundation focusing on life, social, & political influences on this generation and how they hope to influence the world around them.

Project Home

Project Home gets started at Our Redeemer for the fourth year. Beginning on November 1 we will make physical changes in our Sunday School wing in order to host 4-5 families during the month who are facing homelessness. They will make our church their home from 6pm-6am every day. Besides opening up our rooms we are asking for members to come and provide the necessary care to care out this program. We are looking for 2-4 evening volunteers every night to help prepare a light snack and offer hospitality through conversation or play with the adults and children. There are also openings for people to spend the night at church and help prepare a simple breakfast. For more information or to sign up either call the church or go to: https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/30e0e45a5a82da5ff2-project4
Thanksgiving Worship
This year our annual ecumenical worship service on Thanksgiving Eve (Wednesday November 21st) will take place at Progressive Baptist Church at 1505 Burns Ave (SW of #94 and White Bear Avenue). Join us for a moving worship at 7:00pm that will include members and choirs from Progressive, Our Redeemer, Grace Lutheran, Hope Lutheran, Good Samaritan Lutheran and St Paschal’s Catholic Church. There is a dessert reception following worship.

Native American Spirituality
Don’t miss this opportunity to see and hear a presentation on “Native American Spirituality and Culture” by Professor Lawrence Martin who is professor and director of the American Indian Studies Program at the University of Wisconsin—Eau Claire. It will be held here Monday, November 5th from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Professor Martin has been the guest speaker at the St. Paul Monastery and College of St Thomas. Because of the great interest shown in this topic JUST PEOPLE Coalition at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church and Presentation of Mary Catholic Church are pleased to invite YOU and all your friends and neighbors to Professor Martin’s presentation.

Thanksgiving Thoughts
People know that in the late 15th century Christopher Columbus arrived at what is now known as the Americas and that he proceeded to take possession of such lands on behalf of the Spanish crown. What is not widely known, however, are the legal and theological rationale with which Europeans justified the often violent (at times genocidal) conquest and colonization of these lands which had already been "discovered" and populated. By the time the Spanish and English peoples arrived at Turtle Island and Avia Yala (the original names of these lands) Native American nations and empires had already been in place for thousands of years. (The current scientific consensus is that First Peoples began arriving some 14000 years ago.) So, what logic led the new arrivals to think that they had the right to take away the land from these nations? The answer is the Doctrine of Discovery—a theologically grounded legal rationale that kings and popes invented to justify and encourage the violent conquest and evangelization of these already inhabited lands. To find out more, and see why many are working for the repudiation of this doctrine check out elca.org
Quilting News
Perhaps you have seen or received one of the quilts made by the ORLC Quilting Group. This year quilts have been delivered to Lutheran World Relief, Alley Shoppe 109, our 2018 High School Graduates, the newly baptized and others. Most of the fabric for the quilts is donated. The backing sheets, thread, yarn and batting are purchased. Some years we have had a raffle to raise funds for these purchases. We have received funds from the Thrivent Action Team the past four years to support some of these purchases.

This long established service group meets on the second and fourth Mondays in Fellowship Hall at 9:30 a.m. We tie yarn to the assembled quilt tops to ready them for hemming. The only skills you need are to hold a needle and tie a knot. The cutting of fabric squares, piecing, and sewing of the fabric is done by some of the members at their homes. You don't have to bring any supplies, we have enough to share. Please consider joining the fun and good conversation on October 8, October 22 and November 12 before we begin our winter hiatus. See you there!

Blanket Making With the Homeless: Can you tie your shoe?  Can you use a scissors?
Then you have all the skills we need. (Male/Female - Any age welcome!) Come spend an hour or more in the Fellowship Hall on Nov 16 or Nov 17. Sign up for your time slot. We will be tying fleece blankets with the homeless families who will be staying overnights at ORLC in November. Let's work together to give each one of them a new, cute, and warm blanket to wrap up in this winter. Extra blankets will be donated to the Alley Shop. Don't know how to make a tie blanket - no worries. We will have all the materials and instructions to help you work on one of the blankets. Come learn something new, serve others, and have fun! Please sign up on the sheet at the info booth or at the link provided below: Invite friends and family.
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050d45adaa29a64-blankets

What else is in it for me?  Well besides learning, service, and fun, for every hour you volunteer you will get your name in a raffle to win one of two blankets we will be setting aside for the volunteers.  The first 25 to sign up also will get a Thrivent Action Team T-shirt.  Thanks to Dennis and Jan Peterson we were awarded a Thrivent Grant to put on this fun event.  If you have any questions, please contact Amy Krohn. Contact information at the bottom of this page.

Knitting and Crocheting
The God's Hands Knitting & Crocheting Group meets on the third Thursday of each month from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Caribou Coffee on White Bear Avenue and County Road D. We bring our works "in progress", be it a dishcloth, sweater, scarf, chemo hat, prayer shawl or a pattern that we might need help following. Most of the handiwork is done elsewhere, but it is fun to see the current projects. We share conversation, patterns, ideas and sometimes yarn. About 100 Prayer Dishcloths were given away at National Night Out again this year. About two dozen Prayer Dishcloths were also given away at The Farm in August. The Prayer Shawl Ministry continues at ORLC with more than 60 shawls being given out since its inception in 2008.

Calling all crafters: Stay Retreat
We are excited to announce that we get to have another craft stay retreat. Let me know if you are going to join us. Reserve your spot today. The retreat is Friday, November 16, 5 p.m.-midnight and Saturday, November 17, 9 a.m. - midnight. Free will donation.

Any craft is welcome. It's a great time to work on those holiday gifts.
Come have fun and relax.
Bring a snack to share if you like.
Meals & beverages on your own.

Make and Take
Saturday, November 17th, 1:00 -3:00 p.m.
Crafter or non-crafter welcome! Come learn how to make a set of 4 coasters. 30 sets are available thanks to a donation from Home Depot!

Bring your choice of pictures, paper, or napkins (may have some wrinkles). Image size minimum 4 1/8" x 4 1/8". Cost: Free

We will have supplies other than your images. And have cutting tools if needed. There will be dry time so be ready to chat with others, look at other crafts going on or bring a book to read.

Registration is required for both events. Contact Amy Krohn 651-779-7945, ajkrohn@hotmail.com
Voting Matters
As part of our call to participate in the work of caring for our community and country the opportunity to vote is precious and important. Please be active in the work of democracy to elect trustworthy individuals to represent and lead us. Get out and vote on November 6th. For more help or information on polling places or to see your sample ballot go to mnvotes.org.

The Wide Reach and Care of the ELCA
One of the nice things about being tied to this wide and deeply engaged church in the needs and crisis of the world is our knowledge of The Evangelical Lutheran Church. This American church steps into domestic crisis situations like the recent hurricanes through Luther Disaster Response, and into international needs through Lutheran World Relief. Gifts to either of these organizations go fully to care and restoration in the aftermath of damaging storms and situations. Go to elca.org to find more or direct your financial support.

Another Successful Craft Sale
Thank you to everyone who attended or participated in our annual craft sale, Saturday, October 27. With 31 tables total, over 100 people came through to browse and shop for unique crafts and baked goods. Whether you bought for yourself or others, we hope you enjoy your new treasures. We thank you for your investment.

All Saints Day
November 1 every year is All Saints Day when we recall the members of our church who died over the past year. This year on Sunday, November 4th we will invite people to light candles in memory of people who have died, and we will toll the bells as we read the names of those who died since this time last year: Cindy and Clint Crooks, Ken Halvorson, Len Hill, Joann Huggan, Shirley Keating, LeRaine Olson, Robert Lerdahl, Sue Schnoor, Gerald Teich, Doug Kahrau. Please keep the families of these individuals in your prayers.

Total Garden Yield
As winter approaches and chills our garden, we are happy to announce our total garden pounds for the year. Our Redeemer’s garden is used to grow, harvest and donate food for The Merrick Food Shelf. This year, as a church, we were able to donate a total of 260 lbs. Thank you to everyone who aided in making this donation so bountiful. We look forward to another fruitful year when we resume our gardening activities in the Spring.

Doulos and Kidewa
We have received recent updates from the two places where we have international partnerships. Kidewa Tanzania is finishing one church building with our financial assistance and they have been able to send 3 students and 2 evangelists to school with our sponsorships. They are so delighted. We are anticipating a trip in summer of 2019 to visit – see Pastor Karsten if you are interested in going along. The annual Tanzania Festival is happening at Roseville Lutheran Church on 11/10 from 9-12 and anyone is welcome – it is a great exposure to this partnership with 60 other congregations.

Doulos Discovery School in the Dominican Republic is having a strong year with a full staff, added classrooms for the younger elementary kids, a reworked soccer/play field, and lots of strong academic and faith grounding work. Check out: doulosdiscovery.org. If you are interested in coming along for an intergenerational mission trip this winter talk to

Daylight Savings
Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 4 at 2:00 a.m.
Remember to set your clock back one hour. Or you’ll be an hour early for church.
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- November 4: 2 Kings 5: 1-15a
- November 11: Micah [1:3-5]; 5: 2-5a; 6: 6-8
- November 25: Jeremiah 1: 4-10; 7: 1-11

Thrivent Member Reminder:
It's time to check your Thrivent account again to see whether you have Thrivent Choice Dollars accumulated, and then direct them to the charity of your choice, hopefully to Our Redeemer. So far in 2018, ORLC has received $1,867 through the Thrivent Choice program. Thank you!

Online Giving Opportunities
Thank you for your support of Our Redeemer. Contributions can be debited automatically from your checking or savings account or processed using your credit or debit card.

Our electronic giving program offers convenience for you and much needed donation consistency for our congregation. We appreciate your gifts!
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