

November 2013

Dear Friends,

November is a little bit of a strange month; in Latin it refers to the ninth month of the previously 10 month Roman calendar; thus September (7th), October (8th), November (9th) and December (10th). However after January and February were added to the calendar September through December got moved back two places so that November; the ninth month, became the eleventh month.

Traditionally November was considered a bit of a respite as the harvest would be complete in October and the onset of severe winter weather wouldn't occur until December, so November was a slight break time between the labor of October and the harshness of December. It is therefore most reasonable that the celebration of Thanksgiving Day would take place in November. Thus the lyrics of the hymn:

1. Come, ye thankful people, come, Raise the song of harvest-home; All is safely gathered in, Ere the winter storms begin; God, our Maker, doth provide For our wants to be supplied; Come to God's own temple, come, Raise the song of harvest-home.

2. All the blessings of the field, All the stores the gardens yield; All the fruits in full supply, Ripened 'neath the summer sky; All that spring with bounteous hand Scatters o'er the smiling land; All that liberal autumn pours From her rich o'erflowing stores.

3. These to thee, our God, we owe, Source whence all our blessings flow; And for these our souls shall raise Grateful vows and solemn praise. Come, then, thankful people, come, Raise the song of harvest-home; Come to God's own temple, come, Raise the song of harvest-home. (#652-Hymns and Songs of Zion)

A blessed thanksgiving to all of you, we are indeed thankful for you.

God's Peace, Jay Weidner Donations Received...

In memory of Walter Hendrickson from Verna A. Hendrickson

In memory of Edward Puumala from Eleanore Puumala

In memory of Larry & Harriet Rasaka from Wayne & Anne Waldal

> In memory of Edwin Puumala from Luella Puumala

In memory of Ellen Anderson from Michael & Margaret Laurin

In memory of Ainard & Mamie Liimatta from Anna Liimatta

> *In memory of Ernest Bylkas Sr.* from Dave Mattinen

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Seminary Service Schedule 7 p.m.

November

3rd – Nick Kandoll @ S. Range

10th – Josh Bergstedt @ Laurium

17th – Charles Jousma @ Seminary

24th – Nick Kandoll @ Zion

<u>December</u>

1st – No service (Thanksgiving) 8th – Charles Jousma @ Laurium 15th – Josh Bergstedt @ S. Range



Many thanks to the **Esko Apostolic Lutheran Congregation** for hosting this year's seminary rally. Our students and staff appreciate the support, fellowship and delicious meal!



FOURTH YEAR STUDENTS:

Charles Jousma is in his fourth year at the seminary. He is serving part time as Assistant Pastor at the Laurium Apostolic Lutheran Church in Laurium, Michigan under Pastors Jay Weidner and Rod Johnson. Charles and his wife Karina reside in Calumet, Michigan.

Nick Kandoll is in his fourth year at the seminary. In addition to school, he works part time as a tutor coordinator for the BHK Child Development after school program. Recently he was married to Cheryl Anderson and they reside in Hancock.

Brittany Nelson from Laurium, Michigan is in her fourth year at the seminary and has completed courses offered in our Deaconess Program. Brittany also attends Michigan Technological University and is majoring in Liberal Arts/Psychology and works as a Deaconess for the Laurium Apostolic Lutheran Church.

Ray Stenersen is completing his fourth year at the seminary on-line while serving as Pastor of Lakeworth Apostolic Lutheran Church in Lakeworth. Ray and his wife Rachel and children, Janessa, Kashae, Jaelene and Jamon, reside in Lake Worth, Florida.

THIRD YEAR STUDENT:

Josh Bergstedt is in his third year at the seminary. Originally from Esko, Minnesota, he now resides in Houghton, Michigan and works part time as a waiter at the Ramada Inn Waterfront Restaurant in Hancock.

INTERNSHIP:

Ryan Kandoll is from Vancouver, Washington and is doing his internship under Pastor Orval Wirkkala of the Kingston Apostolic Lutheran Church.

Our part time students include Lynn Jarvi (Chassell, MI) and Lois Matson (on-line from Yacolt, WA) and many others on-line and in person at the Monday evening study of Revelation taught by Jay Weidner in Hancock.

Please keep our students in your prayers!