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Lutheran Church ELCA

Here We Grow
– Preschool and Childcare Center –

***November 2018 Newsletter***

# Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

November is a great time to be both thankful and generous.

November is when we begin to plan Thanksgiving celebrations, like the **Community Thanksgiving Worship** at Grand Ave UMC (Port Washington) on Tuesday, November 20 and the **Taste of Thanksgiving** event at Redeemer Lutheran in Milwaukee on Sunday, November 25 (sign up to help here: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0A4DAFAC2DA1FC1-taste). Many of us will also be hosting or attending a Thanksgiving dinner with friends or family this month.

We always have many opportunities to give thanks to God – not just at Thanksgiving time. How you give thanks is up to you, but intentionally giving thanks to God, and engaging in acts of generosity are also spiritual practices. This month might be a good time try a Gratefulness Challenge:

- Take time each day to thank God for something specific.
- Start a gratitude journal and write at least one thankful prayer each day.
- Post your daily gratitude on social media and share the Gratefulness Challenge with others!
- Create a Gratitude Pumpkin (http://coffeeandcarpool.com/celebrate-thanksgiving-with-gratitude-pumpkin/) or a Gratitude Tree (http://themamabirds.com/gratitude-tree/) with your family this year.
- Consider your financial pledge to this congregation and complete your pledge card for 2019 (or sign up on line for monthly giving). Even an increase of $5/month can make a difference!
- Plan to join us on Tuesday, November 27 for one of our community #GivingTuesday events to help raise money for the newly formed Ecumenical Youth Group.

Of course, it isn't always easy to be thankful. There are seasons of our lives when we are facing challenges and heartache. There are times when we have so many worries and so little security. Even at those times, though, God is calling us to practice Gratitude and Generosity.

Saint Paul was in Prison, arrested for talking about Jesus, when he wrote these words to his friends:

> "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice … do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus". – Philippians 4:4-7

Even when he was in prison for the Gospel, Paul was still giving thanks to God for the blessings he had received. Even when we are facing grief, pain, and hardship, we can still practice gratefulness and generosity. As we cultivate gratitude, God's divine peace will begin to replace our natural human anxiety.

I give thanks for you, every day, and I pray that you will also be able to experience God's peace and God's gifts of gratitude in your lives every day.

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# Community Thanksgiving Worship

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20 - 7 pm

## "Come, ye thankful people, come!"

**Ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship**
**at Grand Avenue UMC**
**505 W. Grand Avenue, Port Washington**

## All are welcome.

A Pie Feast in Fellowship Hall will follow the worship service.

*For information, call Grand Avenue United Methodist Church:*
***262-284-9478***

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Port Washington

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PARKSIDE COMMUNITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Here We Grow
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November brings activities and themes that will help us remember all the things we are thankful for. Thanking God for all the gifts he has given us. Here We Grow will celebrate Thanksgiving with our own Thanksgiving Feast on Wednesday of Thanksgiving week, we will be closed for the holiday on Thursday and Friday.

The Here We Grow open house was a fun event including children's photo slideshow, yummy snacks and treats, fun fall festival costumes and decorated classrooms. We also had a successful Scholastic book fair, and got the word out with fundraising information booths. Here We Grow will benefit from this with free books and materials from Scholastic books. Thank you to everyone who visited during open house and participated in the book fair.

During this season we wish to thank Pastor Kelly, Joe & Linda Georgeson, Deb Gilbertson, Kay Schnell, Cliff Polheber, Brad LeDuc, the Here We Grow Board of Directors, the Living Hope Council, and all who support and provide for Here We Grow throughout the year. We are thankful for building repairs, kitchen help, donations, sharing of music, love and hugs with the children, encouraging words, and prayers. We could not do what we do without the members of Living Hope and their dedication to help make Here We Grow a successful and meaningful mission of our church.

With Gratitude,

*Beki Tetzlaff & Dawn Zirtzlaff*, Here We Grow Co-Directors

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# *YOUTH NEWS-Giving Tuesday!!!*

The Youth Ministry that we have launched in collaboration with 4 other area churches has gotten off to a great start! We have held two events since late September that were very well attended and received. We are holding several area fundraisers on Giving Tuesday, November 27th and have secured a matching grant from Thrivent Financial for funds raised on this date. We need everyone's participation to reach our fundraising goal of $25,000! What can you do to help?

*Attend one or more of our fundraising events on Giving Tuesday! Whether it is breakfast at Living Hope, lunch at Parkside, or spaghetti supper at Grand Avenue (or all three!) you are sure to meet fun new people and know you are supporting a worthy cause.

*Consider becoming an individual sponsor or asking your corporation to be a corporate sponsor. This is where we can have the most impact with our matching grant opportunity. Our lowest sponsorship level starts at only $100 and offers you some benefits in return like free tickets to our events and recognition for your support.

*Get some friends together to make a basket for the silent auction and ask businesses you frequent for a donation. Our silent auction which will be held at our supper event. See attached forms. Gift certificates are welcome!

*Donate something you made to our handmade craft sale which will run at our breakfast and lunch fundraisers that day.

*Pre-order your Poinsettia plant at any of our three events. These will be the flowers used for altar decoration and can be taken home after the Christmas service, order extra to have at home right away!

*Volunteer to help at any of the fundraising events- we need lots of hands to pull this off!

Contact Alex Pieper 414-350-29934 or Jeff Irish for more information!

# #GIVINGTUESDAY™

## November 27, 2018

### What is #GivingTuesday?

Giving Tuesday is a day of international fundraising efforts which began in 2012 as the official kick-off of the charitable giving season. After the rush of Black Friday and Cyber Monday, #GivingTuesday is a time to give back to our communities.

**We Hope to Raise $25,000**
**for the Port Washington/ Saukville Ecumenical Youth Ministry on #GivingTuesday, November 27**

## Giving Back:

THRIVENT FINANCIAL®

Thrivent Member Network
East WI & Upper MI Region

***Thrivent Financial will provide a matching grant of $1 for every $2 raised up to a maximum matching grant of $10,000 per organization for donations received on November 27, 2018; up to 11:59 PM.***

- Solicit Donations for Silent Auction items
- Recruit community sponsors
- Donate Baked Goods or Crafts for sale
- Volunteer at one of the events
- Attend one of the events & invite friends!
- Ask friends and family to donate online
- Do your Christmas Shopping with us! poinsettias, baked goods, crafts, and silent auction items available at events!

**Contact Jeff to help with breakfast at Jeffrey.Irish@gmail.com and Contact Alex to donate items for sale that day at alexpieper@gmail.com**

### Have a Meal with Us! Tuesday, November 27th

**Breakfast @Living Hope in Saukville, 6-9am**
w/ Saukville & Port Washington Mayors!
To-go and dine in options available.

**Lunch @Parkside in Saukville, 11:30am-1pm**
w/ ELCA, UMC, and UCC Church leaders
to-go pre-orders available or dine in for fellowship!
- Baked Goods, Crafts, and Poinsettias for sale

**Dinner @Grand Ave in Port Wash, 5-8pm**
with music from *Limited Edition* & *Bella Musik*
- Baked Goods, Crafts, and Poinsettias for sale
- Silent Auction

***Advance Tickets Available at Reduced Rates***

***For more info check your church website or Facebook @Port Washington Saukville Ecumenical Youth Ministry***

### *What is the Port Washington/ Saukville Ecumenical Youth Ministry?*

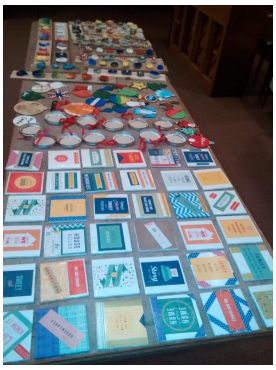
The PWSEYM is an Ecumenical (multi-church) ministry designed to serve youth in grades 6th thru 12th grade in the Port/Saukville communities. This ministry is an independent 501c3 Non-Profit with elected board members and financial support from 5 different congregations: First Congregational UCC, Grand Ave UMC, Christ the King ELCA, Parkside UCC, and Living Hope ELCA.

# *Youth Pumpkin Party a Shining Success!*

We had 13 very enthusiastic youth from 6th to 12th grade today for Pumpkin carving and pizza. We started with a lot of "getting to know each other" with the M&M game. Next, they went at it on their pumpkins. Wow, a lot of creativity resulted in some very interesting carved pumpkins.

# *Youth Crafty Day*

We completed Crafty Day #1 last week. Special thanks to Mariam Mitchel (and her parents) for putting this all together. Lots of help from the kids and the parents. Thank you all very much!



# ***2018 Poinsettia Fundraiser Order Form***

This year, the Port Washington-Saukville Ecumenical Youth Ministry (which our church sponsors) is hosting a poinsettia sale as part of its fundraising efforts. Proceeds will go toward programming and renovations of the meeting space.

***It is most helpful to us if you can place your order and make payment on Giving Tuesday, November 27th***, at one of our three fundraising events. That way we can also benefit from a matching grant from Thrivent Financial.

Checks can be made out to PWSEYM.

Plants will be delivered to Living Hope by Friday, December 7th.

Please indicate below the number of plants you would like to order, to the left of your color choice. Marble is a pink flower with white edges/marbling, and Jingle Bells is a red flower with white splashes.

**6" pot (3+ flowers) $15 each**
_____Red _____White _____Pink _____Marble _____Jingle Bells

**7" pot (5+ flowers) $25 each** (only size available with red & white combination in the same pot)
_____Red _____White _____Pink _____Marble _____Jingle Bells _____Red & White

**8" pot (10+ flowers) $40 each**
_____Red _____White _____Pink _____Marble _____Jingle Bells

**10" pot (15+ flowers) $50 each**
_____Red _____White _____Pink _____Marble _____Jingle Bells

Name_____
Address_____
Email_____
Phone_____
Congregation_____
Amount Enclosed: _____ (Make checks payable to PWSEYM)

***If possible, please submit your order on Giving Tuesday (November 27th) at one of our fundraising events, so that we can maximize your support!***

Questions? Contact Alex Pieper at 414-350-2994 or alexpieper@gmail.com

# *Living Hope/Here We Grow Property News - November 2018*

In this month of Thanksgiving, we thank all those people who have adopted a Garden Plot on the grounds. The landscaping has never looked better! Thank you goes to Pam & Al Poull, Ralph & Patti Luedtke, Norm & Linda Speerbrecher, The Irish family, Kathy & Gerry Karrels and HWG staff who put in hours this Spring, Summer and Fall.

- A special Thank you to Bill Ehlers who has done tree trimming this past Spring and this Fall. Our lawn crews need access to the lawn under and near the trees. Our tall trucks ( UPS, garbage/recycling and school buses) need access under the tree branches.
- Thank you to Dale Herrick who constructed the cement base for the north handicapped sign on the parking lot and for giving an assist for light replacement.
- Thank you to Scott Nelson who keeps the furnace filters clean. We have five furnaces in the church area and three in HWG. That is a total of eight filters to clean.
- Thank you to Eric Rogers and his crew for the summer lawn care. Eric tells me that his last mowing will include bagging up the many leaves on our property.
- Thank you to Cliff Pohlheber for stabilizing the HWG fence gate support post.
- Thank you to others who have helped out of who I am not aware and all helping set up and take down.
- Thank you to Here We Grow staff who have helped to maintain our property.

The LED changeover continues. The six outside entry lights to HWG have been changed from expensive metal halide to LED's, longer lasting and less expensive when they do go out. LED's are in the process of being installed in the Sanctuary. Incandescent lights were used until October 2009 when CFU's were installed, (the twisted fluorescent lights). That's just nine years and we are moving on to a better alternative in lighting, now that they are available and the prices have become more reasonable.

A Short Outside Activity:

With the high winds blowing small branches off our trees, any family is welcome to "pick up Sticks" on the east side of the church after a windy day. Branches can be placed east of the small wooded area next or south east the parking lot.

This Fall we will have a NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2018
FALL CLEANING SIGN UP LIST.
The list will be posted in the hall way across from the fireplace.
Once again, you can choose to "Adopt A Job" and sign up.
This will be part of the "Work Team" approach for pre-holiday cleaning.
Work teams form and do their jobs according to their schedules.
This worked out so very well in 2017.

Thank you!

# Hearts to Hands Ministry

*November 2018*

Please note the following dates:
**Thursdays November 1 & 15**
**Thursdays December 6 & 20**
**Thursdays January 3 & 17**

LOVE DOES
by Bob Goff

As a college student he spent sixteen days in the Pacific Ocean with five guys and a crate of canned meat. As a father he took his kids on a world tour to eat ice cream with heads of state. He made friends in Uganda, and they liked him so much he became the Ugandan counsel. He pursued his wife for three years before she agreed to date him. His grades weren't good enough to get into law school, so he sat on a bench outside the dean's office for seven days until they finally let him enroll.

What fuels Bob's impact? Love. But it's not the kind of love that stops at thoughts and feelings. Bob is convinced love takes action. Bob believes. Love does. When Love Does, life gets interesting. Each day turns into a meaningful chance to make faith simple and real.

Bob Goff is the author of the New York Times Best-Selling book Love Does. The U.S. Department of State recognizes Goff as a diplomat and he is known as an Honorary Consul for the Republic of Uganda due to his work with Love Does, formerly known as Restore International, a non-profit organization he founded.

Light and fun, unique and profound, the lessons drawn from Bob's life and attitude might just inspire you.
**Please join us as we continue listening to our new audio book *Love Does.***

## Fall Harvest

**UPDATE**

Hearts to Hands' annual Fall Harvest was a great success on **Thursday evening, October 18**. We tagged all of the hats & scarves that we have knit/crocheted/loomed over the past year with a message of God's love for the inner-city children in Milwaukee who will receive them. These items will be blessed during an upcoming worship service before they are sent on their way. A final count and complete update will be in the December newsletter.

**We will meet on Thursday, December 6 for our annual Christmas Celebration. Come celebrate the birth of Christ with Hearts to Hands. Please bring an hors d'oeuvre to share and join us for a relaxing evening by the fire with good food, good friends, fellowship and prayer.**

Remembering His words, "Love one another," Hearts to Hands regularly meets to knit and crochet for others while sharing fellowship and devotional time. We continue to meet at church **on the 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month.** We will share fellowship time at **6:30 PM** and begin our study about 7:15 PM followed by prayers, concluding about 8:30 PM.

*Join us!* All are welcome, even if you don't knit or crochet. We encourage you to come, participate in the fellowship and Bible/ devotional study. **Please feel welcome to come, share in fellowship and grow in faith.** If you are in need of child care in order to attend, please let us know. If you have any other questions, please **call Cathy at 414-406-4217 or Julie at 262-268-0818**. We look forward to having you join us!

**Hearts to Hands uses the Living Hope mailbox, #166.**

Outreach for Hope Sep 8 2018

# Thank you!

to everyone who took part in the 2018 Outreach for Hope Family Bike Ride. This year…

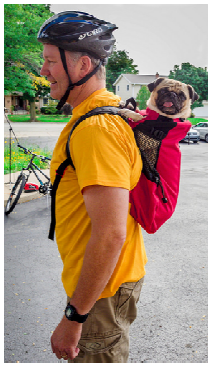
**54** Congregations were represented through riders, virtual riders, volunteers or donations

**465** ride participants raised donations from friends, family, and fellow parishioners, and, together with many additional donations and sponsorships…

the 2018 Outreach for Hope Family Bike Ride raised a grand total of:

**$113,381**

to support more than **20** life-giving ministries throughout the Greater Milwaukee Synod.



Thank you ALL...We are deeply grateful for your strong and generous support of

Outreach for Hope!

The 2019 ride will take place - once again - on the Saturday following Labor Day:

**Saturday, September 7, 2019**

Watch for messages about the 2019 Outreach for Hope Family Bike Ride in your congregational worship bulletins, E-blasts and newsletters, as well as OFH Emails and the Synod list serve. Help us get the word out and grow this meaningful event. You can always visit us at outreachforhope.org and check back often for updates.

The Food Pantry Inc.

1800 North Wisconsin Street. Port Washington, Wisconsin 53074. 262-284-1148

Items needed for the Food Pantry

November 18, 2018
Cereal
Chunky Soup
Brownie Mixes
Canned Fruit
Snak-Pak Pudding
Hash
Canned Ham
Chili
Spaghetti Sauce
Beef Stew
Dried Pinto Beans
Pancake Mix
Toilet Paper
Oil
*****Cash Donations to purchase hams and fresh produce for Christmas*****

November 25, 2018
Cereal
Stuffing
Soup
Rice
Canned Fruit
Salad Dressing
Gravy
Pancake Syrup
Canned Dinners
Sugar
Hand Soap
Oil
*****Cash Donations to purchase hams and fresh produce for Christmas******

## Food Pantry Statistics for October

For the month of October we:

Served 339 families; welcoming 10 new client families
Distributed 7,842 pounds of food and household & personal items
Redeemed 148 Piggly Wiggly Milk Certificates for $298.76
Redeemed $4,658.06 in Piggly Wiggly coupons for non-taxable food items

We received 6,809 pounds of food and $4,870.00 in cash donations.

Our Expenses for March were $8,324.

I wish you all a very nice Thanksgiving and once again, Thank You and God Bless.

*Chris Flint, Director*
262-284-1148

The Food Pantry Inc.

# November 2018

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | 1<br>1:00 PM Tri-County New Horizons Band Rehearsal<br>6:30 PM Hearts to Hands<br>8:00 PM AA Meeting | 2<br>6:00 PM Acoustic Open Mic Live | 3 |
| 4<br>9:15 AM Sunday School<br>10:30 AM Worship Service | 5<br>1:00 PM Tri-County New Horizons Band Rehearsal | 6<br>7:00 PM Boy Scouts Meeting | 7<br>9:30 AM Wednesdays in the Word<br>6:00 PM Men's Bible Discussion Group<br>6:30 PM Wednesdays in the Word | 8<br>1:00 PM Tri-County New Horizons Band Rehearsal<br>8:00 PM AA Meeting | 9 | 10 |
| 11<br>9:15 AM Choir Rehearsal<br>9:15 AM Sunday School<br>10:30 AM Worship Service | 12<br>1:00 PM Tri-County New Horizons Band Rehearsal | 13<br>6:30 PM BEST Women's Book Club<br>7:00 PM Boy Scouts Meeting | 14<br>9:30 AM Wednesdays in the Word<br>6:30 PM Wednesdays in the Word | 15<br>1:00 PM Tri-County New Horizons Band Rehearsal<br>6:30 PM Hearts to Hands<br>8:00 PM AA Meeting | 16 | 17 |
| 18<br>9:15 AM Sunday School<br>10:30 AM Worship Service | 19<br>1:00 PM Tri-County New Horizons Band Rehearsal | 20<br>7:00 PM Boy Scouts Meeting<br>7:00 PM Community Thanksgiving Worship Service | 21<br>9:30 AM Wednesdays in the Word<br>6:00 PM Men's Bible Discussion Group<br>6:30 PM Wednesdays in the Word | 22<br>LH & HWG Closed | 23<br>LH & HWG Closed | 24 |
| 25<br>9:15 AM Choir Rehearsal<br>10:00 AM Worship & Meal at Redeemer<br>10:30 AM Worship Service | 26<br>1:00 PM Tri-County New Horizons Band Rehearsal | 27<br>Giving Tuesday<br>6:00 AM Giving Tuesday Breakfast at Living Hope<br>7:00 PM Boy Scouts Meeting | 28<br>9:30 AM Wednesdays in the Word<br>6:30 PM Wednesdays in the Word | 29<br>1:00 PM Tri-County New Horizons Band Rehearsal<br>8:00 PM AA Meeting | 30 | |

Please visit us on Facebook or on our church website for more information on upcoming events: www.livinghopesaukville.org

# December 2018

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | | | 1<br>8:30 AM Shop Chicago Bus Trip |
| 2<br>9:15 AM Sunday School<br>10:30 AM Worship Service | 3<br>1:00 PM Tri-County New Horizons Band Rehearsal<br>6:00 PM Church Council Meeting | 4<br>7:00 PM Boy Scouts Meeting | 5<br>9:30 AM Wednesdays in the Word<br>6:00 PM Men's Bible Discussion Group<br>6:30 PM Wednesdays in the Word | 6<br>1:00 PM Tri-County New Horizons Band Rehearsal<br>6:30 PM Hearts to Hands<br>8:00 PM AA Meeting | 7<br>6:00 PM Acoustic Open Mic Live | 8 |
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| 23<br>9:15 AM Choir Rehearsal<br>10:30 AM Sunday School Christmas Program<br>10:30 AM Worship Service | 24<br>1:00 PM Tri-County New Horizons Band Rehearsal<br>4:00 PM Christmas Eve Service<br>8:30 PM Christmas Eve Service | 25 | 26<br>9:30 AM Wednesdays in the Word<br>6:30 PM Wednesdays in the Word | 27<br>1:00 PM Tri-County New Horizons Band Rehearsal<br>8:00 PM AA Meeting | 28 | 29 |
| 30<br>10:30 AM Worship Service | 31<br>1:00 PM Tri-County New Horizons Band Rehearsal | | | | | |