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Message from the Interim Pastor:

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*“O give thanks unto the Lord, for God is good. The Lord’s mercy endures forever”
Psalm 136:1*

Reviewing the November calendar for Redeemer and St. Theodore of Canterbury, it looks as if we are being invited to a great potluck or smorgasbord--a feast of possibilities and gatherings is being spread out before us in this month where the time changes and so many other offerings are being placed before us. We have opportunities to worship, to fellowship, to study, to carry on the congregation’s ministry and mission, to fund raise, to remember, and to give thanks. Our spiritual and social time together is like a great Fall banquet with course upon course being set before us.

We begin the month gathering to worship on the high festival day of All Saints Sunday. We will remember those who have gone before us in the faith, and we will give thanks for the saints among us who bless our day to day living within the Body of Christ. On the second Sunday of November, the Holy Scriptures will reintroduce us to two most amazing, yet unnamed women, whose lives of faith and generosity have made them renown in the pages of holy history. That weekend we will also give thanks for the Veterans who served our nation and defended our precious democracy. The last two Sundays of November remind us that Jesus has promised to return again, and we are encouraged to always be ready and filled with both thanksgiving and expectation. Pastor Brad Stienstra will lead worship again on the last Sunday of the month, the day called “Christ the King Sunday.” It is the last day in the Christian Church calendar.

In between these main courses that feed our hearts and souls, our abundantly filled tables will offer us an opportunity to meet on November 10th after worship for a brief congregational meeting as we make decisions how best to be Christ’s Church in the year ahead. The following week, everyone is invited to the Holiday Bazaar (Nov. 14-15) in the Fellowship Hall as tables, overflowing with many treasured items, will be perused by those looking for that “special something.”

During this month, the Wednesday Bible Study will continue its conversation and learning about the Ten Commandments. We meet each week in the Fellowship Hall at 12:00 noon for 75-90 minutes. At the end of November, the national holiday of Thanksgiving on

November 28th gives us special opportunities to be filled with gratitude (and perhaps we will gather with family and/or friends, and may even watch a parade or a football game.)

It promises to be a wonderful month. Leaves are changing their colors and dropping to the ground. The temperature is cooling. We set our clocks back one hour on November 3rd and get the gift of an extra hour of rest. The daylight grows shorter, and the night are longer. In the midst of all the changes and with such a feast of activities and possibilities before, we are assured that our Lord God walks with us, caring for each of us, forgiving us, loving us, watching over us, saving us, and giving us great reason and opportunities to give thanks. God bless and keep you this month of November 2024!

+Pastor Murray D. Finck,

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