

# Advents Events September 2018



## Prayer in a Time of Discernment

The North American Lutheran Church (NALC) will elect a new Bishop at its 2019 Convocation in Indianapolis; therefore, the Executive Council of the NALC is calling for a year of prayer to discern this position. Electing a Bishop is one of the most important responsibilities in the life of the Church and a key responsibility of the Annual Convocation. As an election, it is a process governed by the constitution of the North American Lutheran Church; however, it is also a call process. As such, it involves discernment from the perspective both of individual potential nominees and of the NALC. Engaging in prayerful reflection and seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit are indispensable aspects of the process of nomination and election of the Bishop of this Church.

### ON PRAYING FOR THE CHURCH LEADERS

Beloved, Pray for Us

*But we appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to respect those who labor among you, and have charge of you in the Lord and admonish you; esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. And we urge you, beloved, to admonish the idlers, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with all of them. See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all.*

*Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do*

*not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil.*

*May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this. Beloved, pray for us. Greet all the brothers and sisters with a holy kiss. I solemnly command you by the Lord that this letter be read to all of them. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.*

**1 Thessalonians 5:12-28**

### ON PRAYING FOR THE BISHOP

*First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time.*

*For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. I desire, then, that in every place the men should pray, lifting up holy hands without anger or argument.*

**1 Timothy 2:1-8**



*Finally, be strong in the Lord and the strength of his power.*

**Ephesians 6:10**

### Prayers for the month of September:

#### 1<sup>st</sup> week

Almighty God, through your Son Jesus Christ you gave the holy apostles many gifts and commanded them to feed your flock. Inspire all pastors to preach your Word diligently and your people to receive it willingly, that finally, we may receive the crown of eternal glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> week

Almighty God, giver of all good gifts: Look on your Church with grace and guide the minds of those who shall choose a Bishop for the North American Lutheran Church, that we may receive a faithful servant who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> week

O God, through the ages you have called men and women to the ministry of Word and Sacrament in your Church. Let your blessing rest now on all who answer that call. Grant them an understanding of the Holy Scriptures, the Lutheran Confessions, the means of grace, the Word of God, the sincerity of purpose, diligence in ministry, and the beauty of life in Christ, that many people will be served, and your name be glorified; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord

#### 4<sup>th</sup> week

Almighty and everlasting God, in all ages you have raised up

faithful servants to pastor and guide your holy people and to make known your will among us; increase in us the gifts of discernment and understanding that we might know your will as we prepare to elect a Bishop for your Church.

### Leaders for September

#### Lay Assistant:

Cameron Buskirk

#### Lay Readers

9/2 Gwin Poston

9/9 Jansen Bohanan

9/16 Jane Beam

9/23 Ruthie Padgett

9/30 Jade Jones

#### Greeters:

All Members of Advent

HaPpY

SEPTEMBER

BIRTHDAY !!!

Dalton Smith - 1<sup>st</sup>

Mark Hammersmith-8<sup>th</sup>

Barbara Lopez - 8<sup>th</sup>

Tara Gilmore - 12<sup>th</sup>

Cody Smith - 12<sup>th</sup>

Bill Anderson-14<sup>th</sup>

Kerry Williamson - 18<sup>th</sup>

Wilson Smith-23<sup>rd</sup>

Vasa Jones-25<sup>th</sup>

Dawn Bohanan- 26<sup>th</sup>

Valynda Ham- 27<sup>th</sup>

#### Golden Agers

Ernest Tisdale 6 19<sup>th</sup>

Ron Padgett-19<sup>th</sup>

#### Life Changes

Vivian Barnett passed to the Church Triumphant on August 28<sup>th</sup>.

*Almighty God, source of all mercy and giver of comfort: Deal graciously: we pray, with those who mourn, that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may know the consolation of your love: through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.*

### **Congratulations !**

Melanie White and Charles Alkire were married on Aug.11

Your Advent family wishes you both much happiness and many blessings in your new beginning.

*And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.*

*Colossians 1:17*

### **The Service in the Bible**

**Glory to God in the highest  
Luke 2:14**

**Lamb of God you take away  
the sin of the world**

**John 1:29**

**Seated at the right hand of  
the Father Colossians 3:1**

**Glory of God the Father**

**Ephesians 3:21**

**This is the feast**

**Matthew 26:26**

**Alleluia Revelation 19: 1**

**Power, wisdom riches and  
strength Revelation 19: 1**

**Please remember that  
we are selling tickets  
for our Sound System  
Fundraiser. Oyster  
Roast and wings on  
October 13<sup>th</sup>. Noon to  
4 (or when we run out  
of food!)**

**If you can sell tickets,  
please do so. If you  
can purchase one, see  
people from ZionOlivet  
or Advent.**

**\$20.00 all you can eat.  
Children under 5 free**

### **Holy Cross Day**

**September 14<sup>th</sup>**

**A table will be placed in  
church for your crosses if  
you wish to have them  
blessed on Sept.16<sup>th</sup>.**

**Jesus instructed his  
followers that they must  
take up their cross and  
follow him. The cross we  
take up as followers of  
Christ is the cross of**

**Jesus. Just as Jesus was  
lifted up on the cross for  
the sake of a sinful  
humanity, so those who  
are his disciples are  
called to carry the cross  
of Christ and glorify  
God's name in all the  
world.**

**Bible Readings: Numbers  
21:4-9, Psalm 98: 1-5, 1  
Corinthians 1: 18-25,  
John 12:20-33**

### **Confirmation Camp 2018**

