

Parish Paragraphs

NOVEMBER 2016

Living in 3G



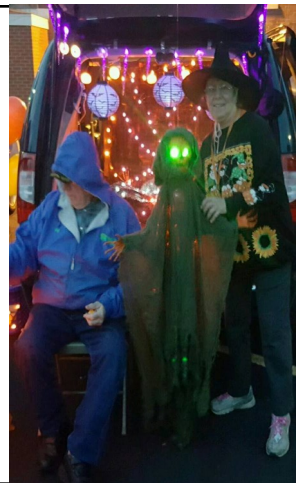
There is a new blog on our webpage called “Living in 3G.” The first entries are training manuals for the 3G Teams, including links to videos, articles, and other resources that will help equip our very own leaders to make our Vision come to life. You can find it under the “Life Together” tab on our homepage or by clicking [here](#). The blog will also be for short articles about upcoming events and we will even experiment with putting the newsletter on it. It’s sparse, but don’t be afraid to check it out and explore.

“Living in 3G” is also the new title of our weekly MailChimp email. If you don’t get it yet, please sign up via the box on our [home-page](#). Stay in touch!



Trunk-or-Treat

Around 1000 kids showed up to the church parking lot and left with bags full of candy. With decor and costumes from spooky to cute, we were able to bless our neighborhood once again! Thanks to the Monday Night Growth Group!



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WHAT'S COMING UP IN WORSHIP



November 6th: The Politics of Jesus (All Saints' Day)

9am: Breakfast followed by Sunday School (K-5)

10:30am: Worship with Communion

Luke 23-24—"Death and Resurrection in the Polis"

November 13th: The Politics of Jesus

9am: Breakfast followed by Sunday School (K-5)

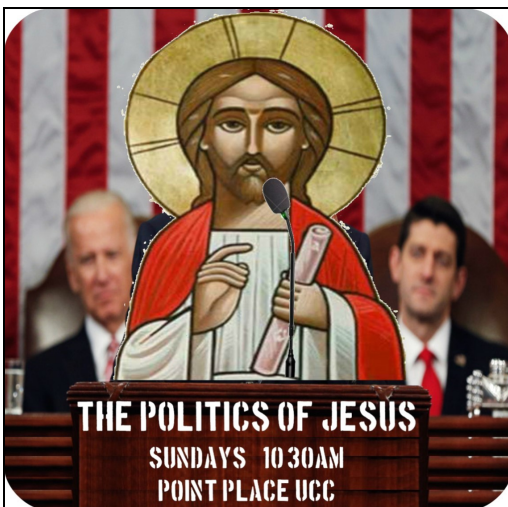
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Matthew 5:1-11—"Wrapping Up"

November 20th: Stewardship (Celebrate)

9am: Breakfast followed by Sunday School (K-5)

10:30am: Worship with Communion



Daylight Savings Ends

Don't forget to "fall back" before you go to sleep on Saturday, Nov. 5th.



Just a reminder from your friendly neighborhood pastors:

**Community Thanksgiving
Worship Service
Sunday, Nov. 20th @ 6pm
Messiah Lutheran Church**



Growth Groups in November

Sermon GG:

Every Wednesday, noon

Monday Night:

Nov. 3 and 10

Seamless: Nov. 3, 17, 31

Something Brewing: Nov. 4 and TBD



The Gift: A Community Christmas VBS Saturday, Dec. 10th, 9am-Noon Hosted by Point Place UCC

The Point Place churches will help neighborhood kids discover the joy unwrapping the gift of Jesus Christ. This is for age 3 (potty-trained) through 5th grade. It's free. Though we will be collecting new/gently used gifts, or warm outerwear to give to Mustard Seed and money for a mission TBD/



Note from the pastor



It's been an interesting fall. We have been working our way through Luke's Gospel to glean what we can from Jesus' politics. The reason is obvious. Politics are bombarding us as an important election looms just a few days away. One thing I hope that you have heard throughout the series is that our vote is only one small part of our politics. Jesus gives us an imagination for how to engage our polis (our city/state/nation) for the benefit of those who are most vulnerable. And we don't have to wait four more years to do it!

If anything, I hope this campaign cycle has highlighted for us how important it is to have Christians engaged in the life of the polis—not to make life easier for us, but to model how to listen well, hold different ideas and values in creative tension, and amplify the voices of the most vulnerable that often get silenced in all the debate. This is our work, and it is urgent work. We, the Church, cannot keep getting lost in little debates over internal matters. The world needs light and love and agents of peace cultivating God's Jubilee Vision.

Advent takes us in a bit of a different direction. Rather than looking mostly at big picture stuff and how the Church and Polis relate, we are going to look at some of the very personal realities of our lives, seeking to connect with God in deep and transformative ways.



The series is called "The Gift," but the gifts we look at each week might surprise you. I hope you will join in the powerful community practices of prayer and song, as well as lighting the Advent candles and asking God to come and be "God-with-Us."

Lastly, we will be talking about finances a bit this month with a Stewardship Sunday, 2nd Mile letters, and Pledge Cards. We hope that the value this church brings to you and to our neighborhood translates into a generous sharing of our resources together. This is how the church works.

Grateful to be your brother-in-Christ,

Pastor Jon



Students Living **SLAM** A MISSION

November Events

- 11/6 Study/Worship at CrossPoint Church @ 6:30 pm
- 11/13 Game Night at Messiah @ 6:30pm
- 11/20 Community Thanksgiving Service at Messiah Lutheran @ 6pm
- 12/2 Zoo Lights followed by lock-in @ CrossPoint

FEED YOUR NEIGHBOR

In October, we collected 164 items!
November is Ohio State vs. Michigan.
We will still hand out bags on Nov. 6
and collect on Nov. 13, but you are
welcome to bring in food and pick your
team through the end of November.

Go Bucks!

(If you haven't noticed, Pastor Jon is
putting together the newsletter this
month 😊)

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FRIENDS ROOT FOR
MICHIGAN



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Feed My Sheep



Free Dinner

Come help with prep on Monday and serve on Tuesday. We can always use help serving, cleaning up, and just sharing a meal with our guests. We are also looking for a couple people to help set up tables on Tuesday before 4pm.

November 14, 2016

Meal at RiverPoint Ministries
2862 131st Street

November 22, 2016

Chicken Marsala over Pasta
Vegetable
Dessert
Coffee, Juice, Water

November 29, 2016

Lasagna
Salad
Garlic Bread
Dessert
Coffee, Juice, Water



The Giving Tree

The Monday night Growth Group is still sponsoring the **Giving Tree** but we're trying something new. Instead of asking for different items each month we'll be emphasizing our **Manna Bag Mission project** all year. We need travel size personal items such as shampoo, soap, lotion, toothpaste and also, tooth brushes, combs, socks, water bottles, gloves, small bags of snack food or granola bars. When the bags are complete they will be on the Giving Tree table in Paterson Hall. We're asking everyone to take one or two at a time and give them away to someone in need.



Thanks to everyone who pitched in and helped to make our Polish Dinner a huge success. We couldn't do it without you! To those who came just to enjoy our Polish Feast and fellowship, we thank you.

A profit of \$2875 went into our general fund.

God Bless You,

After six years as our secretary, we are saying "good bye" to Linda Hassen. Linda handed in her resignation to pursue other interests and relationships. Linda has been a warm and welcoming presence in the office and a very helpful and capable worker in her years with Point Place UCC. Linda still lives in the neighborhood, so be sure to say "Hello" if you see her around!



Budget Meeting

Sunday, November 27th

After Worship, we will go over our current financial state and vote on a 2017 budget proposal from the Trustees.



Our prayers go out to the family of Carol Faylor upon her passing on October 31st. Her memorial service will be Sat., Nov. 12th @ 1pm in the sanctuary, followed by refreshments.



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as God cares for us.*

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