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Redeeming Words

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November Calendar

November 3	Worship – All Saints’	10:00 am
	Coffee & Conversation	11:15 am
November 5	Bible Study – Matthew	7:00 pm
November 6	Ladies’ Lunch	noon
November 7	Montreal Luth. Council	7:00 pm
November 9	Confirmation Class, St. L	1:00 pm
November 10	Worship	10:00 am
	Sunday School	10:00 am
	Intro to Instagram	11:15 am
November 12	Bible Study – Matthew	7:00 pm
November 14	Christian Unity	7:30 pm
November 16	Men’s Breakfast	8:30/9:15 am
November 17	Worship	10:00 am
	Coffee and Conversation	11:15 am
	Worship & Music Com.	11:30 am
November 19	Congregational Council	7:30 pm
November 20	Seniors’ Worship	2:00 pm
November 23	Confirmation Class	1:00 am
November 24	Worship–Reign of Christ	10:00 am
	Sunday School	10:00 am
	Coffee & Conversation	11:15 am
November 26	Mutual Ministry Com.	7:30 pm
December 1	Advent Dinner	5:00 pm

Instagram

Social media refers to a variety of electronic platforms or apps which allow people from around the world to communicate via the internet. Facebook and Twitter are two popular examples. So is Instagram.



After worship on November 10 Brandon Normandin will introduce us to Christ the Redeemer’s Instagram account, and show you how to post photos, videos, and text. This tool could help promote the life and ministry of our congregation. So bring you smart phones or tablets to church that Sunday.

All Saints’ Day

Christians in the third century were the first to set aside a day to thank God for the faithful who had died. In those early days the feast was held on May 13, the date on which the Roman Pantheon was rededicated to St. Mary and All Martyrs.

Over the years All Saints’ Day was moved to November 1 (usually transferred to the following Sunday).



Here at Christ the Redeemer we will offer special prayers, accompanied by hand bells and candles, to remember those whose funerals were held in the past year:

Lothar Blume	February 1
Elke Holtgreve	June 16
Camilla Provost	August 3

A special bulletin insert allows others to be honoured as well.

Reign of Christ

The final Sunday of the church year is identified as Christ the King or Reign of Christ Sunday. Lessons, hymns and prayers recall Jesus’ promise to return to rule the world with justice and peace. Join us in worship November 24.

Advent Dinner

On December 1 everyone is invited to our annual Advent Dinner. Come for turkey with all the fixin’s, as well as carols and a visit from St. Nicholas. Look for a sign-up sheet in mid-November. Your help in roasting turkeys, preparing other items for the table, setting up, and washing dishes is very much appreciated.

Bulletin Photos

Our weekly worship bulletins are enhanced by photos submitted by members. Look through your old files or go and take some new shots. Please submit electronic images to Pastor Jim or Nancy Corwin, on these suggested themes:

November 3	Baptism, Congregation, Candles
November 10	Cemetery, Celtic Cross, Resurrection
November 17	Temple, Handcuffs, Courthouse
November 24	Crown, Throne, Castle
December 1	Peep Hole, Binoculars, Eyes
December 8	Road Construction, River, Red Carpet
December 15	Jail Cell, Healing, Nurse
December 22	Mary and Joseph, Angel, Pregnancy
December 29	Warning, Highway, Egypt



Johnson Succession

The first offer for the Johnson house fell through, but a second offer has been accepted, and will be completed in early November. Other investments have also been transferred to the succession account, and will soon be transferred to CTR.

At the October meeting the Congregational Council charged the Stewardship Committee with developing a variety of proposals regarding the process by which we will decide to spend or invest the proceeds from the succession, as well as the expected sale of the parsonage in NDG. Expect to have a chance to offer your suggestions at a congregational meeting.

There are several items for sale from the Johnson succession. Contact Wayne Mastine regarding a 2011 Honda Civic standard with 203K, wood chipper, snowblower, lawnmower, trimmer and wooden shelves. Visit the corner Sunday School room if you'd like to make a donation for a microwave, old-era video camera, microscope, space heater, slide/video transfer, Samsung tv, handcart, etc.

A memorial service for Eric Johnson will be scheduled this fall, once his parents' grave has been located and arrangements can be made.

For Those in Authority

The prophets of ancient Israel and Judah played a vital role in the communities they served. Moses, Samuel and Elijah were among the first who heard God, and delivered messages to their people. At first they were insiders; leaders in their own right or advisors to kings. They supported the people and rulers God had chosen.

But after the Golden Age of Kings David and Solomon those who led God's people strayed from what God expected them to do. And the wave of prophets that followed – Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel and Amos to name a few – usually preached in defiance of kings and governments. Sometimes condemning the faithlessness of powerful rulers, who made concessions to other gods or their own egos. Or taking aim at corruption, greed, and injustice.

Jesus and John the Baptist often preached prophetically, challenging kings, religious leaders and the status quo. They described a future of radical change, in which God would establish justice and peace on earth.

But as the Holy Spirit breathed life into the early Church another approach to our civil lives was articulated. As a small, emerging group, under fire by the Roman Empire and the Jewish authorities in Palestine, the followers of Jesus didn't want to provoke persecution.

This may explain why Paul writes, in his letter to the Romans: *Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities... Whoever resists authority resists what God has appointed.* Far from criticising the Roman emperors and state Paul advises the followers of Jesus to obey them.

It reminds me of the question I ask the Confirmation students when we discuss the Fourth Commandment. We are asked, by God, to honour our fathers and mothers. Luther adds *and all those in authority.* But what if our parents and others in authority are wrong, unfair, or even brutal?

In the present moment we might also consider our relationship with federal, provincial or municipal governments. As we pray for mayors, premiers and prime ministers do we pledge our loyalty or plead for change? Or do we appraise our leaders based on some other standard, like the teachings of Jesus? Sometimes supporting their initiatives, which favour the weak and poor. And sometimes standing against them on behalf of immigrants or the environment.

May God give us the wisdom to know when to speak prophetically, and when to support our leaders faithfully.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Jim

Stewardship Committee

In February Council member Gilles Labrie offered to serve as our Stewardship liaison, even before we had formed an active committee. At the October Council meeting the Johnson succession led us to task the group with developing a process for investing and/or spending the money from that estate, as well as the sale of the parsonage at 4038 Marcil in NDG.

So in the coming weeks Gilles will gather those appointed by Council, as well as others who might offer to join the committee, to help us make good use of two significant gifts to the CTR. No doubt the process will allow all members to offer their suggestions.

The Stewardship Committee, once activated, will also help all of us to better appreciate the gifts and blessings that God provides, and help us to use them more effectively and share them more generously. The group might also help us to become better caretakers of the earth.

Canada Lutheran Subscriptions

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada publishes eight issues of its national magazine each year. Each edition includes feature articles, reports from the five synods, Bible studies, news from across the country and around the world, and a bishop's column. New subscriptions can be obtained for \$19.49. Old issues can be borrowed from the shelf new the pastors office.



Newsletter Editor

We're still seeking an editor/compiler of this monthly newsletter. The task requires several hours of layout, research, writing, proofreading and publishing each month. Contact Pastor Jim for a job description.



Montreal Lutheran Council Annual Meeting

The nine ELCIC congregations in Montreal have worked together for decades, as members of the Montreal Lutheran Council. More recently the Eastern Synod established seventeen regions from Halifax to Sault Ste. Marie, making us the Montreal Ministry Area.

At St. John's Estonian Lutheran Church (4345 Marcil, NDG) on Thursday November 7, beginning with refreshments and fellowship at 7:00, the MLC and the MMA invite you to an annual meeting. A brief report about the group's work in the past year, as well as plans for 2020 will be offered. A new executive – chair, vice-chair, treasurer and secretary – will be elected by voting delegates.

All Lutherans in the city are invited to attend. Pastor Jim can provide a ride for up to four members.

LARAM

The Lutheran-Anglican Refugee Alliance of Montreal is disbanding. The family we had hoped to sponsor was denied entrance to Canada. So used furniture was delivered to another needy family.

Funds are now being dispersed: A \$500 gift will be made to the original applicant family, for school fees in Cameroon this year. Another \$1500 will provide bedding and furniture for a new immigrant family at St. John's. 50% of what remains will be given to *Action Refugies Montreal*, and the remaining 50% to *Le Pont*. The former ecumenical organisation supports refugee sponsorships, and those detained in Laval. The latter Roman Catholic group helps new Canadian mothers and their children.

November Birthdays

Ingrid Hove	2 November
Marion Hewel	5 November
Barbara Kerr	5 November
Lorne Ticknor	6 November
Susan Hildebrant	10 November
Wayne Lapp	11 November
Grace McGinn	11 November
James Valois	12 November
Emily Rossi	13 November
Natalie Turko	14 November
Aarne Kallio	16 November
Andrew Gjevik	17 November
Katharine Hartmann	17 November
Kelsea Gust	20 November
John Saabas	22 November
Brianna Normandine	23 November
Anne Badke	25 November

Sunday School

Sunday School classes are held for children age 3 and older. Sessions, following the *Whirl* curriculum, will be offered on alternate Sunday mornings. In November classes will be held on the 10th and 24th. Bible stories, crafts, games and other activities will illustrate God's love for us and the whole world.

Sessions begin after the Prayer of the Day, and end in time for the students and teacher to rejoin us for Holy Communion.

Confirmation Class

Five students are part of the class this fall: Yan Fagundes, Alex Manthriratna, Liam Manthriratna, Benjamin Skira and Emily Skira.

On November 9 our class will be held at Good Shepherd in St. Lambert, from 1:00 until 3:00. We'll be introduced to Luther's Small Catechism.

On November 23 we will meet at CTR at 1:00, to begin our study of the Ten Commandments.

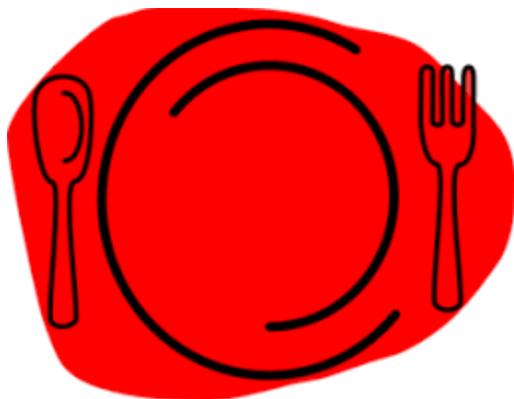
It's not too late for new students to join our group.

Bible Study - Matthew

The fall's Bible study is an introduction to the Gospel of Matthew, offered via the internet (Zoom) by the Rev. Dr. Hilary Bogert-Winkler of the Montreal Diocesan Theological College (Anglican). In November sessions will be held on the 5th, 12th and 19th from 7:00 – 8:30 pm. Everyone is welcome to participate.

Ladies Lunch

Women from CTR and their friends will meet for lunch at Scarolies (St. Jean) on Wednesday November 6 at noon. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet, and check with Pat Pachal for details.



Outreach

In November and December the Outreach Committee encourages you to bring non-perishable groceries for the Roxboro Food Bank (West Island Assistance). Use the red tubs in the hallway.

Lessons

All Saints'

November 3

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18, Psalm 149,
Ephesians 1:11-23, Luke 6:20-31

Pentecost 22

November 10

Job 19:23-27a, Psalm 17:1-9,
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17, Luke 20:27-38

Pentecost 23

November 17

Malachi 4:1-2a, Psalm 98,
2 Thessalonians 3:6-11, Luke 21:5-19

Reign of Christ

November 24

Jeremiah 23:1-6, Psalm 46,
Colossians 1:11-20, Luke 23:33-43

Worship Leaders

Corinne Verpoorten is now coordinating the worship leaders' schedule. She'd also like to find new leaders:

Altar Care

Prepare altar for communion, change paraments and banners, clean communion vessels

Greeters/Ushers

Welcome worshippers, distribute books and bulletins, gather the offering, direct communion

Acolytes

Light candles, hold books, assist at communion

Readers

Read first two lessons

Cantors

Lead singing of Kyrie, Canticle of Praise, Psalm

Assisting Ministers

Assist pastor, lead Prayers of Intercession, prepare and serve communion

Communion Assistants

Serve wine or gather glasses at communion

Men's Breakfast

Members and friends of the congregation are invited to a monthly meal and conversation on Saturday November 16. We begin to cook at 8:30, and try to serve by 9:15. This month we'll spend a little time learning about stewardship, gratitude and church offerings.