

The King is Coming

November is the beginning of several seasons or holidays all bunched together with our lives becoming overly busy as many of us will become frazzled as the month marches onward. This year most likely will be no different for many people.

We left October with a holiday celebrating the witches, goblins and other unsavory characters as well as a Reformation period of time for the greater church. Then the march into November begins in America with the celebration of veterans on November 11 as we honor ALL men and women who have served in the military.



Then comes a big day for the more orthodox churches on Nov 22 as we honor Christ the King on the last day of the 'church year', then a few days later we give thanks for our blessings with Thanksgiving on Nov 26.



A few days later we begin to anticipate the advent of a baby, King, Jesus.

Every Sun at GLC we celebrate the Risen Christ when we take communion but rarely do we hear or speak of the coming of the 'King of King and Lord of Lords' at the end of the age.

Yes, the King is Coming again, but not as a baby this time around but in all His glory surrounded by the angels as well as the saints that came out of the grave at his own resurrection. These are some of the saints that have gone on before.



According to scripture he IS coming mounted on a horse, carrying a sword and has HIS name is FATIHFUL AND TRUE , THE WORD OF GOD and KING of kings and LORD of lords. (Rev 19)



The question begs, are you ready to meet your KING? Give thanks for all the blessings in your life this season, after all we are a people under Grace at Grace and celebrate an extraordinary God.

Pearl's of Wisdom from the Pastor's Pen



November, 2015

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Looking at the calendar it is hard to believe that November is already upon us. With November comes the Holiday Season. I don't know about you but my calendar is already filling up with holiday plans – when our son gets leave to come home, when my sister will come, Thanksgiving plans, Advent advents as well as Christmas Worship.

One of my biggest challenges from Thanksgiving until Epiphany is that I try to do too much both personally and professionally. This year my goal is to start the season rested and then to take time for

myself to stay rested along the way.

This is something we all can work on together. What helps me with this may

help you. Think of all the energy you have as apples in a basket.

When you are well rested and at peace, the basket is full of ripe, juicy apples. When you are at work or shopping or cleaning or baking or...or...or... apples are removed from your basket. When you rest, take a break, pray or commune with God, apples are returned to your basket. An apple goes out

here, an apple goes out there. An apple comes into the basket. This is the normal pattern of the day. It is healthy both spiritually and emotionally.

Now think about the times when the apples all go out but none come back into the basket. As the basket empties the apples left start to look none too fresh. When the basket is empty, so is your ability to help yourself or anyone else. You are tired, frustrated and down to your last nerve and you are sure someone is going to step on it soon.

The Bible tells us in Matthew 11:28 to “Come to God, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and God will give you rest.” The psalmist said in Psalm 23:2 that God will *make* us lie down in green pastures.

As your basket starts to run low, turn to God in prayer and God will give you rest. Your basket will fill quickly when you turn to God for rest and peace. It is amazing how slowing your basket empties and how quickly it refills when you invite God to be with you during your day.

I am trying very hard to keep my basket full. How full is your basket?

Peace

Pastor Martha

Nov 1

**International Day of Prayer for the
Persecuted Church**

Many of our brothers and sisters are losing their lives for the sake of the gospel throughout the world. Please remember them in prayer every day.



Nov 1 Dinner & Auction



Don't forget to join in the Thrivent sponsored HAM-IT UP feast at 5PM and be prepared to offer your bid at auction for the wonderful deserts. The suggested cost for dinner is \$10.00 per person. Project Sanctuary will be the major recipient of the proceeds again this year.

This and That

Council Members and leaders of various groups are reminded that your annual report are due shortly.

Nominating Team members will soon be contacting members to serve in next years leadership positions on council, endowment, audit and nominating teams. Please prayerfully consider their request.



YOUR COUNCIL AT WORK

In Sept

Property ---toilets in original ladies bathroom replaced, projector light to be looked into; parking lot project completed;
Stewardship—pledge cards mailed out
Audit team to be assembled
Youth outreach--- pumpkin donations needed

In October

Property- HVAC unit in fellowship hall mal-functioning. May have to replace it , next spring.
Endowment—written report by Anne Barnes, have approx. \$1331.00 available for special projects
Mutual Ministry—had meeting Treasurers report-- Sept giving way down possible due to vacations of many members
Annual Congregational meeting---to be Jan 24 at noon

Hospital Cheer

This month as we honor our veterans, we especially want to remember those who have been injured in some way, be it physically, mentally, emotionally or spiritually. Many are still in the hospital struggling on their long road to recovery and need our support.

By picking up a free Christmas Card on the table in fellowship hall, adding your personal greeting and mailing it. This might be the only encouragement one of the wounded recovering soldier might receive. Address then, mail it to:

**RECOVERY SOLDIER
C/O WALTER REED HOSPITAL
6900 GEORGE AVE
N.W. WASHINGTON D.C. 20307-5001**

WARMING UP TIME



Up coming in early Dec will be our annual 'warming tree' displayed in the fellowship hall. It will be empty and awaits your gifts of socks, gloves and warm hats for all ages and genders.

Thanks to all who filled our shopping cart with groceries in October. We indeed are generous in our giving.



Now let's try to fill it again in November. Some suggested items are: rice, dried beans, canned vegi's and canned fruit, tuna, pasta's, pasta sauces, peanut butter, baby formula, infant food stuff, creme soups, or boxed potato flakes. These are items that can stretch the family budget and are relatively inexpensive to purchase.