

 **THE MESSENGER**   
Ascension Lutheran Church

**“Belong, Believe and Become all that God Promises”**

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**November is a month to be excited about!**

In the beginning of November, we have All Saints Day. As a Lutheran in worship on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will remember those who have passed away by reading the names of those who have died during this year.

Remembering also gives comfort to their families who are still grieving the loss of their loved ones. It allows them to maintain a connection with them, helps them with the healing process from grief and provides a sense of comfort.

Daylight savings time ends on November 3. For some people, it is a time for some extra sleep as clocks are set back an hour. The darker afternoons slowly lead us into the Advent season.

Thanksgiving is one of the biggest days because families and friends come together, share stories and enjoy a special meal together. Thanksgiving is about generosity, hospitality, acceptance in each other's lives, including those who we've never met before. Strangers become like friends and family. The necessity to connect with each other becomes healthy for spiritual healing in every human being. God created humans to be in union with each other. This means that we are designed to live in community and fellowship with one another, not as isolated individuals. Humans need to relate to each other. They vitally need the ability to show empathy, actively listen, and share experiences with each other.

Thanksgiving is a time of gratitude, it's not just a holiday. It's a reminder of the power of gratitude, the joy of togetherness, and the beauty of traditions that bring us light and warmth to our lives. As we reflect in November, let us remember those who are not with us, with gratitude for their lives, for the colors of nature that God created for us, and for the treasure of celebrating one another.

Thanks be to God!  
Pastor Emilce Erato

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PRAYER  
CORNER

***The following need your prayers...***

Chuck Albers, Sylvia Erato, Stephanie Baio, Tina Bugalia, Bill Ciampa, Gray Collingwood, Jimmy E., Elsie, Brian and Dylan Gasperetti, Hunter George, Kathryn Graven, Virginia Heinsch, Angela Herber, Wilma Jensen, Joe, Joanne Kempel, Kate Lang, Cynthia Listort, Bill and Fran McGowan, Chuck Miata, Nicki, John Pisarri, Schneider family, Moira Sheldon, Donna Slyman, Robert Smith, Court Stevenson, Peter Stevenson, Kevin Sullivan, Miriam Valder, Deanna Ventura, and James Wheeler.



Darlene Graham 11/10  
Bryan Roach 11/11



Helmut and Caren Prill 11/2  
Rob and Kristen Gasperetti 11/21  
Rev. and Mr. Erato 11/30

# November Schedule



Mondays

11-12 p.m. Brew Crew-AA  
10/4-Council Meeting 10 a.m.

Tuesdays

9:30 a.m.-Council  
11-12 p.m. Brew Crew-AA  
6:45-8:30 p.m. Power Up-Tae Kwon Do

Wednesdays

11-12 p.m. New Life-AA  
New Life Anniv. Party 11/6 till 2:00 p.m.  
Girl Scouts 11/6 3:30-5:00 p.m.  
Road to Recovery 7:15-8:30 p.m.

Thursdays

6:00-7:45 p.m. Power Up-Tae Kwon Do

Fridays

11-12 p.m. New Life-AA

Saturdays

9-1 p.m. SDA Church-Sanctuary  
9-11:15 a.m. Road to Recovery-AA  
1-3 p.m. SDA Church-Parish Hall

Sundays

10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
11/17 Annual Meeting 11:45 a.m.



*November 3rd*

# November Outreach



Two monstrous hurricanes in as many weeks have left residents in the Southeast reeling. **Samaritan's Purse** is responding to deadly Hurricane Helene across a broad expanse from Florida to Georgia and into the rugged mountains of western North Carolina and far eastern Tennessee. Many communities were decimated by flooding and landslides.

Milton unleashed torrential rain and ferocious winds across Florida after making landfall Oct. 9, near Siesta Key, south of Sarasota. The deadly and powerful storm, which entered the state as a Category 3 hurricane and left as a Category 1, spawned tornadoes and caused severe flooding. In the greater Tampa area, we are responding to damage cause by both Helene and Milton. We are also responding in Charlotte County (Punta Gorda area).

We are bringing generators and other emergency supplies to help communities in the region's remote mountainous terrain. We are using ground transportation currently, and previously coordinated hundreds of relief flights using our own helicopter and the fixed-wing assets of partnering organizations. We airlifted many tons of food, water, generators, fuel, Starlink systems, heaters, solar lights, and blankets.



The New Life Center-Long Island-A hunger prevention site of Lutheran Social Services of New York-is already at work to provide bountiful Thanksgiving meals to needy families in our community. **You can help by contributing items from the list below or donating through your offering envelopes.** The Center also accepts gift cards from Lidl, Shoprite and Stop & Shop.

Food Items:

Juice, Cookies, canned fruits and vegetables, cake mixes, gravy, sweet potatoes, yams, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, pasta, sauce, jello, pudding peanut butter, jelly. Pancake mix and syrup.

## Christmas Gift Giving Program LSS New LIFE Center



Ascension will be taking part in the Christmas Gift Program by collecting new hats, gloves and socks for children and adults. In addition, we will be collecting pajamas and underwear for boys and girls size 8-14. Collection boxes will be in the narthex.

Eleanor Betz has received a Thrivent Action Team grant to assist with our endeavors.

**All contributions should be in by December 1<sup>st</sup>.  
We will deliver our donations on Monday,  
December 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

# Congregational Christmas Card



The Church Council of Ascension Lutheran Church invites all members and friends to participate in the annual Congregational Christmas Card.

For a donation, your name will be included in the Congregational Christmas Card that will be mailed to all member families.

Please complete the form below and return it with your donation to the church office or put it in the offering plate by **December 1st**.

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Envelope# \_\_\_\_\_

Name as you would like it to appear on the card (examples: The Smith Family, Bill & Mary Smith, Jane Smith etc.)



December 4  
11:30 a.m.



*Advent Brunch*



*Celebrate the beginning of the season with an Advent Brunch hosted by your Church Council. All are welcome to attend this gathering following worship on Sunday, December 8th.*

*Please let our planners know as soon as possible if you are able to attend.*

*Speak with Lois Altrater*

*(516-437-4589) or*

*Carole Brosnan (516-481-5431).*

*Please RSVP by November 24.*

*You can also return the slip to the office.*

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*Name: \_\_\_\_\_*

*Will attend.*



## Indian Summer Meaning: What is an Indian Summer or Second Summer?

### Where Did This Term Originate and What is its Definition Today?

[Catherine Boeckmann](#)  
October 31, 2024

The term “Indian Summer” has been around for centuries. What is an Indian Summer or Second Summer? Where did this term originate, and what is its meaning today? Learn more.

For over two centuries, *The Old Farmer’s Almanac* has gone by the adage: **“If All Saints’ (November 1) brings out winter, St. Martin’s brings out Indian summer.”**

“Indian Summer” is not the best terminology, given the history of the term “Indian” in North America. The weather phenomenon is best described using the term that Europeans and British still use: **St. Martin’s Summer**. This references St. Martin’s Day—November 11—the official start of these unusually late warm spells. Another popular term used by the American Meteorological Society is “Second Summer,” which is indeed appropriately descriptive.

In England, Shakespeare used the expression “All Halloween Summer.” Other old terms include the unfortunate “Old Wives’ Summer” and, poetically, “Halcyon Days.”

## Definition of Indian Summer, Second Summer

Here are several criteria for this weather phenomenon, according to *The Old Farmer’s Almanac*:

1. It’s a period of abnormally warm weather occurring in late autumn between St. Martin’s Day (November 11) and November 20, with generally clear skies, sunny but hazy days, and cool nights.
2. The timing is important: It occurs after at least one killing frost but also before the first snowfall; preferably a substantial period of normally cool weather must precede this warm spell.
3. As well as being warm, the atmosphere is hazy or smoky, there is no wind, the barometer is standing high, and the nights are clear and chilly.
4. A moving, cool, shallow, polar air mass is converting into a deep, warm, stagnant anticyclone (high pressure) system, which has the effect of causing haze and a large swing in temperature between day and night.

- *The Old Farmer’s Almanac* website 2024



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