

# Covenant NEWS



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October-November  
2014

## Pastor's Perspective

Rev. Kenneth J. Anderson, Interim Pastor

I wrote about Thomas Wolfe's novel, *You Can't Go Home Again*, in the September 3 issue of "Wednesday's Word." The main character, George Webber (an alias for Thomas Wolfe), had written a novel about his family and hometown. When he attempts to return home he is met with outrage and hatred because of what he has written about his hometown people. As I was preparing to return to The Lutheran Church of the Covenant as interim pastor after my previous time with you as interim pastor in 2008-09, I thought about Wolfe's novel and wondered if changes had occurred within the congregation to the degree that it would be difficult to assume the interim pastor position again.

Any concerns I may have had were quickly dissolved after a few days here and especially after the weekend worship services where I was welcomed with many "good to have you here again" acknowledgments. While there have been changes among staff, members and operational entities, so much of what made my previous time here so positive appears to have remained basically the same. Consultations with Committees and the Congregational Council will probably result in some minor changes in worship and on-going operations. I realize I am following in the footsteps of your much-appreciated former pastor, now Bishop Allende of the Northeastern Ohio Synod of the ELCA.

*Newsletter publication.* Action by the Congregation Council at its September meeting revises the number of newsletters published per year. A bi-monthly schedule will result in issues for the months of October and November, December and January, February and March, and April and May. A summer issue will be published for the months of June, July and August. A single-month issue in September will serve to announce the resumption of activities in the fall.

The change in publication schedule results from two factors. The internet publication, "Wednesday's Word," provides weekly current informa-

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*Save the Date!*

We have some exciting events on the fall schedule. Please be sure to plan for them!

**Wednesday, 10/1, 11:30 AM:**  
Women's Bible Study

**Thursday, 10/2, Noon:**  
Retirees' Luncheon  
George Washington Aircraft Carrier  
Video and Photo Presentation by  
Vince Besednjak. Call the Church  
Office to sign up for lunch!

**Saturday, 10/11, 9:30 - 1:30:**  
Fall Harvest Festival &  
Farmers' Market

**Saturday, 10/11, 5:00 PM:**  
Blessing of the Animals service  
Outside if Weather Permits.  
See Page 4 for details.

**Thursday, 10/16, 9:30 AM:**  
Bible Brunch

**Thursday, 10/30, 6:00 PM:**  
Covenant-Hope Community Meal

**Sunday, 11/2, 9:00 AM:**  
All Saints Day service honoring  
loved-ones who passed this year

**Wednesday, 11/5, 11:30 AM:**  
Women's Bible Study

**Thursday, 11/20, 9:30 AM:**  
Bible Brunch

**Sunday, 11/30 9:00 AM**  
First Sunday of Advent

**Friday, 12/5, 6:45-8:30 PM**  
St. Nick Night Children's Festival

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tion, thus keeping the congregation informed on a timely basis. The second factor is the cost of publishing and distributing the newsletter to those on the mailing list. The cost of paper, printing and postage is approximately 72 cents per copy; that does not include any labor costs associated with the publication. The cost can be reduced if members would receive the newsletter electronically on their computers. It is easy to subscribe to the electronic version: the "Wednesday's Word" weekly provides a notice of "Newsletter Online" where you click "HERE." If that does not work for you, call the church office to receive the newsletter online.

Another element in the newsletter publication is the timely submission of articles; each issue provides the deadline date for submission of items for the next issue. Jen establishes her work schedule to prepare the newsletter copy during certain days. When items are not submitted by the deadline date, her work schedule has to be changed, resulting in difficulty in maintaining an orderly schedule for the various tasks she performs each day and week. Please adhere to the deadline date for submitting newsletter articles.

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I appreciate the opportunity to again be of service to the people and activities of the Lutheran Church of the Covenant. I welcome your comments and conversations to ensure that, together, we will serve our Lord and Savior at this outpost for Jesus Christ in Maple Heights.

*All Saints Day*

On November 2, our worship will commemorate those who have died in the past year. Traditionally as each name is read during the prayers of intercession, a bell will be tolled and a candle will be lit.

We remember with sadness the absence of the faithful departed, but at the same time, we celebrate with joy and thanksgiving to God the life they shared with us while on earth. By faith, we are also assured that we will be in communion with them again through the hope of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who conquered death and rose to eternal life, so that we too might live a new life.

As is written in God's word through the book of Daniel: "But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever -- forever and ever."

Join us to celebrate the lives of our dearly departed who will be remembered on All Saints Sunday: Sally Gabor, Stella Bremner, Norman Braun, Josephine Tomko, Donald Fennell, James Tann, Dennis Balint, Kenneth Leonhardt, Robert Sluka, Verna Gnew, Leonna Heckmann, Josiah and Luke Constant.

## Your Call Committee

The first step in calling a Pastor for our Church is establishing a Call Committee. We tried to select a good cross section of the congregation for the Committee and they are as follows:

Mary Kaye Bernardo	Outreach
Daralynn Constant	Congregation
Chuck Dickey	Education
Kathryn Garberich	Youth
Rosa Garnett	Berean Bible Class
Steve Senderak	Finance
Gwen Susanek	Saturday Service
Sheila Werner	Pr. Harry's Class; Congregation
Dick Ptak	President of Congregation

After the Rite of Installation of the Call Committee during the Sunday, September 28th service, the committee's first meeting is set for **October 1 at 7:00** with Judy Hoshek, Assistant to the Bishop. They will elect a chairperson and start gathering data about our congregation and what we are looking for in the way of a pastor for our church. This process will take many months. Your prayers for this committee and their process will be greatly appreciated.

*Dick Ptak, Congregation Council President*

## Stewardship

Each year at this time, it is helpful to pause to reflect on our life at The Lutheran Church of the Covenant and consider how we might participate, with our time, talent and treasure, in the continuing work to which God calls us.

Each and every day at Covenant, many people are receiving help and hope from the ministries of our Church. In keeping with our motto of "Reaching out, reflecting Christ, renewing lives," we accept our mission and build up our parish as a beacon of hope for the community, and a visible sign of salvation for the world. The church never stops loving people in their need. Your offerings are one way to make that possible.

We have much to be joyful about. We remain relatively steady in the number of people gathered on Saturday evening and Sunday morning, in our many programs, and in our lives of faith. For the past few years, the level of giving has played a significant role in the success of our Stewardship and has allowed us to work from a healthier budget.

As we approach the close of the calendar year and begin looking ahead to 2015, we ask that you review your pledge to determine whether it is current. Pledge forms will be available in November and will be collected with the regular offerings.

We thank you for the selfless manner in which you have contributed to the financial support of our mission and ministry and ask that you continue to generously share God's abundant blessings in order that we may keep pressing on to the goal of bringing about the Kingdom of God in the here and now.

In Christ's name,

*Maud Wright, Chairperson of Board of Finance  
& Barb Gaglione, Stewardship Coordinator*

## Congregational Assembly Meeting

Sunday October 19, after the 9:00 worship service, we shall gather in the Parish Hall for a Congregational Assembly Meeting. At that time we shall present the proposed budget for 2015.

Please plan to attend. This church cannot function without your help and prayers as plans are made for the coming year.

## Adopt-A-Turkey Southeast Clergy Hunger Center Thanksgiving Food Drive

The Southeast Clergy Hunger Center continues to feed families and individuals in increasing numbers. Because the U.S. Department of Agriculture is giving less food to the Cleveland Foodbank, the Hunger Center's funds don't go as far. As a result, the Center is asking member churches to consider an "Adopt-a-Turkey" drive to provide turkeys for the families at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

To that end, Covenant has established an "Adopt-a-Turkey fund" and we're pleased to let you know that the Covenant Farmers' Market has already made a generous contribution from this year's proceeds. On average, turkeys run from \$12 to \$14 dollars each. If you are so moved, please make a contribution to the Southeast Clergy Hunger Center, either directly or through the Lutheran Church of the Covenant. Thanks in advance for your generosity.

### Fall Harvest Festival

Saturday, October 11  
9:30-1:30

Tractor Rides, Face-Painting,  
Scarecrow-Making,  
Hay Bales, Corn Stalks, Pumpkins,  
Caramel Apples, Cookies,  
Chocolate Covered Pretzels.  
Produce, Bakery,  
Handmade Crafts & Goods for sale.  
Grilled Sausages and Hot Dogs  
with a Can of Pop for \$1.

Potential vendors may obtain more  
information  
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(This market does not qualify for  
the Maple Heights market voucher  
program)



## Our Farmers Market Is Growing

In our fourth year, we are getting a reputation, not only with the neighborhood, but the surrounding area. Marymount Hospital in Garfield Heights has asked us to bring our Market over to their place and sell healthy food to their employees. So we did. We have taken produce and salads over there on Mondays from 11:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. and sold to their workers. They gave us a nice grassy area and provided us with tables and chairs.

We have just about sold out these first few times, even after getting extra produce beyond what we needed for our Saturday. All our customers are pleased we are there and love the great produce and prices we have.



This has given us an opportunity to show off our new banner (left) thanks to the contribution by Bob Buettner to further the market.

We also purchased two market signs for the front yard of the Church and two canopies for shade or rainy-day shelter.

Finally, October 11 will be our season-closing Fall Harvest Festival from 9:30 until 1:30. Bring the family and get your produce, pumpkins, homemade baked goods, nutritious soups, tasty hot dogs, and much more at affordable prices.

See you there!

*The hard working staff of Covenant Farmers Market*

## WOOF, MEOW, CHIRP, TWEET...

*God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind.*

*And God saw that it was good.*

*Gen. 1:25*

Those are just a few of the sounds you may be hearing at our fourth annual Blessing of the Animals on Saturday, October 11th as we celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi at our Saturday Evening Eucharist beginning at 5:00 p.m.

The custom of blessing the pets is conducted in remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures. Francis, whose feast day is actually October 4th, loved the larks flying about his hilltop town. He and his early brothers, staying in a small hut, allowed themselves to be displaced by a donkey.

The love we give to a pet, and receive from a pet, can draw us more deeply into the larger circle of life, into the wonder of our common relationship to our Creator. So bring your pets, invite your friends and their pets, and worship outdoors with us. In case you're not able to bring an animal, you may wish to bring a picture of an animal you love. In case of rain, we will gather in the Parish Hall.

# Bishop Abraham D. Allende



Saturday, September 13, 2014 was a wonderful day, as our very own Pastor Abraham Allende was installed as the Bishop of the Northeastern Ohio Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The grand cathedral of St. Paul's Episcopal Church provided a beautiful backdrop for the ceremony. Daralynn Constant observed, "It



is a powerful and moving experience to 'revisit' the days of a packed church with familiar worship, resounding hymns, and a shared Lutheran heritage. Hearing from other faith representatives added to the joy – a reminder that what we share as Christians is

greater than what separates us." Barb Gaglione concurred, "The volume of the singing was amazing. I still can't catch my breath when I think about it."

The soon-to-be installed Bishop was stationed in the lobby greeting the hundreds of guests as they came in. Barb Gaglione said "It crossed my mind that every single person there had been touched in some way by Bishop Allende. Everyone was smiling, sometimes through their tears; the smile on his face told the whole story. The most touching moment to me was when Bishop Allende gave communion to his son."

Four members of Covenant were honored to participate in the service. Jody Bernardo was the crucifer, Ethan Lockmiller was the book bearer, and Arlene Lasher and Jennifer Lasher-Dobush presented the bread and wine.

Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and former bishop of our Synod, as always, was wonderful. "We are truly in good hands," says Barb Gaglione. "It was one of the most uplifting experiences that I have had in a long time." Janet Wilkens was particularly moved by the presence of God as the visiting bishops gathered around Bishop Allende to bless him.



The pride of Covenant members was evident as we watched our pastor become our bishop but there was also sadness saying goodbye to him, to Linda, and to his ministry at Covenant. After the celebration, there was an awareness of the daunting task facing Bishop Allende who accepted this role with fewer resources than ever before. Daralynn Constant encourages, "We must all offer our support and prayers and trust that God will lead the way for him, for Linda and for all of us in this next phase of our Christian journey."



## Blessed Birthday

### Wishes to...

A blessed birthday to each of the following Covenant members born in October:

- 1st- Jane Schuetz
- 6th- Elaine Knerem
- 7th- Marquise Lane
- 8th - Tracy (Jeffrey) Vanadia
- 11th - Eleanor Lautanen
- 17th - Katie Garberich
- 18th - Robert Drummond
- 23rd - Sara (Kobella) Rittmeyer
- 24th- Jennifer Lasher-Dobush
- 26th - Steve Dobush
- 28th - Bert Zahn
- 31st - Bishop Allende,  
Ryan Spychola



## Happy Anniversary Wishes to...

- 10/10 Donna & Steven Kobella
- 10/12 Jennifer & Steve Dobush
- 10/16 Nell and John Lanese
- 10/18 Bert & Marie Zahn  
Nancy & John Werner
- 10/22 Madeline & Dick Ptak
- 10/24 Erica & Geoffrey  
Sansavera

(if any important dates have been omitted, please notify the church office so records can be corrected!)



## Bible Study Sessions

**The Bible Brunch** will meet on Thursday, October 16 at 9:30 a.m. in the kitchen overflow area. We gather around a meal and then are fed by the word of God.

All are welcome! Come and share with your brothers and sisters in Christ as well as deepen your faith in the study of Holy Scripture.

We will continue to meet on the third Thursday of each month through May. Mark the following dates on your calendar to remind yourself through the end of 2013: October 16, November 20, and December 18.

We look forward to gathering together in faith, fellowship and study. See you at brunch!

**The Women's Bible Study** group meets on the first Wednesday of each month (except January & February). The remaining meetings in 2014 are Oct. 1, Nov. 5 and Dec. 3. Please join the discussion at 11:30 a.m. in the kitchen overflow area. Come join us and grow in God's Word!

### Retirees Luncheon!

The next Retiree's Luncheon is set for Thursday, October 2 at noon. in the Parish Hall. Mark your calendars!

If you have an idea for a guest speaker, or a topic you would like to learn more about, please talk to Pastor Anderson about it.

## Thank You...

My heartfelt thanks to all of the Covenant members (and friends) who helped with the set-up, sale days and clean-up of the annual Rummage Sale. We raised a good amount of money and shared a great amount of fun!

*Janet Wilkens*  
Rummage Sale Coordinator

Thank you to Board of Managers Chairman Alex Hohenstein and his skilled assistant, Paula Hohenstein, for repainting and freshening up the women's lounge near the parish hall. You and your paint have brightened our day!

## Donation Details

Covenant has a motorized wheel chair, with battery and all attachments available for loan or sale. Spread the word and contact the Church Office if you find someone who can use it.

The crew that has been picking up the ongoing collection of donated clothing and transporting it to St. John Nottingham Church needs to retire. If you have the ability and the cargo capacity to volunteer for this task (usually only once a month or so), please contact the Church Office. If no one can step in, we will have to discontinue our participation.

The Lutheran Church of the Covenant proudly presents its annual

## St. Nicholas Festival

The St. Nicholas Festival is free & open to all children of the community along with their parents, aunts, uncles, grandparents & friends, who are welcome to assist the children with crafts & activities. All children MUST be accompanied by an adult.

**Friday, December 5, 6:45-8:30 pm**

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Festivities Include:

Fun Advent Crafts, Christmas Music, The Story of St. Nicholas, Light Refreshments of Cookies & Punch

## Sunday Servers -- October and November

	Asst. Min	Lector	Crucifer	Ushers	Altar Guild	Greeters
10/5	Nel Lanese	Maud Wright	Jody Bernardo	A. Treichel, B. Treichel	H. Egley, M. Ptak, N. Lanese, L. Bewsey	Mary Kay Bernardo
10/12	Bert Zahn	Marie Zahn	Katie Garberich	D. Schirmer, K. Frajter, S. Dobush	J. Rusher, C. Senderak, J. Skowronski, G. Susanek	Hazel Scheller & Annie Copeland
10/19	Alex Hohenstein	Ted Lockmiller	Ethan Lockmiller	M. Garvin, B. Zahn	J. Rusher, C. Senderak, J. Skowronski, G. Susanek	Harry and Sheila Werner
10/26	Marie Zahn	Bert Zahn	Robert Drummond	S. Senderak, V. Besednjak	C. Frajter, J. Garvin, P. Treichel, M. Zahn	Claudia & Steve Senderak
11/2	Maud Wright	Nel Lanese	Jody Bernardo	A. Treichel, B. Treichel	C. Frajter, J. Garvin, P. Treichel, M. Zahn	Bert and Marie Zahn
11/9	Allan Treichel	Steve Dobush	Katie Garberich	TBD	TBD	Carol Dorman
11/16	Dick Ptak	Madeline Ptak	Ethan Lockmiller	TBD	TBD	Dick and Madeline Ptak
11/23	Alex Hohenstein	Ted Lockmiller	Robert Drummond	TBD	TBD	Mike and Joan Garvin
11/30	Bert Zahn	Marie Zahn	Jody Bernardo	TBD	TBD	Barb Gaglione

## Blessed Birthday Wishes to...

A blessed birthday to each of the following Covenant members born in November:

2nd- Matthew Marik

3rd- Heidi Zimmerman

Donna Franz,  
Steve Senderak

7th - Donna Kobella  
Jordan Koenig

11th - Don Rusher, Jr

12th - Dave Gaglione

14th - Lois Williams

24th - Elsie Balogh

26th - Marge Kriynovich  
Vince Besdenjak

29th - Emily Garberich

30th - Dylan King



## Happy Anniversary Wishes to...

11/17 Elaine & Keary Knerem

11/27 Donna & Bob Franz

11/30 Phyllis & Charles Welker

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The newsletters are always available our website [CovenantMapleHts.org](http://CovenantMapleHts.org).

## Fall Harvest Festival

**Saturday, October 11  
9:30-1:30**

**Rides, Face-Painting, Scarecrow-Making,  
Hay Bales, Corn Stalks, Pumpkins,  
Caramel Apples, Cookies,  
Chocolate Covered Pretzels.  
Produce, Bakery,  
Handmade Crafts & Goods for sale.  
Grilled Sausages and Hot Dogs  
with a Can of Pop for \$1.**

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**(This market does not qualify for the  
Maple Heights market voucher program)**

## Covenant Recycles!

Bring your paper & cardboard each time  
you come for worship or events.  
Covenant earns money for each ton we collect.  
And we help the Earth too!

Did you know? An average tree can yield 2,700 copies of an  
average-sized daily newspaper.  
Be sure to recycle all those copies!

### Items accepted:

\* Newspapers \* Mail \* Phonebooks \* Magazines\*  
\*Office & School Paper \* Catalogs \* Brown Paper Bags\*  
\* Hard & Soft Bound Books \* Cardboard\*  
(Please put shredded paper in a tied bag  
so it doesn't blow away in the wind.)

### Items not accepted:

\* Any type of Plastic (bottles/bags) \* Styrofoam \* Glass \*  
\* Trash \* Aluminum \* Metal \*

Take your recyclable paper to the green dumpsters  
at the back of the parking lot any time!

# OCTOBER 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 11:30 am Women's Bible Study in Kitchen Overflow 7:00 Call Committee meeting in Parlor	2 Noon Retirees Luncheon in Parish Hall	3	4 5:00 pm Saturday Evening Eucharist
5 9:00 am Sunday Eucharist 10:30 am Sunday School Hour	6	7 ECOT Testing in Parish Hall Tuesday through Thursday	8	9 9:00 - 2:00	10	11 9:30 - 1:30 Fall Harvest Festival and Market 12:00-2:00 Living Witness Ministry 5:00 pm Blessing of the Animals Sat. Eucharist
12 9:00 am Sun. Eucharist 10:30 am Sunday School 5:00-8:00 Confirmation Class at Advent- Solon	13	14 7:00 pm Council Mtg. in Parlor	15	16 9:30 am Bible Brunch in Kitchen Overflow 7:00 Bd. of Education meeting in Parlor	17	18 5:00 pm Saturday Evening Eucharist
19 9:00 am Sunday Eucharist 10:30 am Congregational Assembly Meeting in Parish Hall	20	21 7:00 pm Evangelism & Social Ministry Mtg. in Parlor	22	23	24	25 5:00 pm Saturday Evening Eucharist
26 Reformation Sunday 9:00 am Sunday Eucharist 10:30 am Sunday School Hour	27	28 ECOT Testing in Parish Hall Monday through Friday	29	30 6:00 pm Covenant-Hope Community Meal in Parish Hall	31	

# NOVEMBER 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 5:00 pm Saturday Evening Eucharist
2 All Saints Sunday 9:00 am Sunday Eucharist 10:30 am Sunday School Hour	3 9:00-2:00 ECOT Testing in Parish Hall  5:30 Election Set-Up Par. Hall	4 5:00am-10:00pm Election Polls in Parish Hall 9:00-2:00 ECOT Testing in Parlor 7:00 pm Bd. of Worship & Music - Pastor's Office	5 9:00-2:00 ECOT Testing in Parish Hall 11:30 am Women's Bible Study in Parlor	6	7	8 12:00-2:00 Living Witness Ministry 5:00 pm Saturday Evening Eucharist
9 9:00 am Sunday Eucharist 10:30 am Sunday School 5:00-8:00 Confirmation Class-Covenant Parish Hall	10	11	12	13 7:30 Lion's Club Meeting in Parish Hall	14	15 5:00 pm Saturday Evening Eucharist
16 9:00 am Sunday Eucharist 10:30 am Sunday School	17	18 7:00 pm Evangelism & Social Ministry Mtg. in Parlor	19	20 9:30 am Bible Brunch-Kitchen Overflow 7:00 pm Board of Education Mtg. in Parlor	21	22 5:00 pm Saturday Evening Eucharist
23 9:00 am Sunday Eucharist 10:30 am Sunday School Hour	24 11:00 am Bd of Managers - Conf. Rm. 7:00 pm Mutual Ministry - Pastor's Office	25	26	27 Happy Thanksgiving! Church Office Closed	28 Church Office Closed	29 5:00 pm Saturday Evening Eucharist
30 9:00 am Sunday Eucharist 10:30 am Sunday School Hour						