

St. Paul's News

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By the time you read this, the nasty phase of our elective process will be mercifully winding down. I wonder, if anyone ever calculates the cost to our integrity - - much less dollars?

Let's remember that just as our electoral process was headed toward the cliff, there was a vision that captivated us all for several days. About the same time, political signs were sprouting like weeds - back in the dog days of August- the world collapsed around some 33 miners in Chile. There was one word managed to continue to permeate from top to bottom - nearly 2 miles below the surface -- Hope! The makeshift village sprouted above the mine shaft, called -- "Campo Esperanza", or Camp Hope.

While family and friends waited in vigil and hope, beneath the surface, one miner filmed videos of the men to send to anxious families at Camp Hope -- revealing that they never lost it! One thing stood out for me. Virtually without exception, these men and their families turned to faith to get them through the ordeal. Their hope was grounded in faith in a God who was saving them.

"I was with God, and I was with the devil," Mario Sepulveda told an interviewer. "But God won. I held on to God's hand." He said he never doubted that God would get him out of the mine.

Mario Gomez Heredia, 63, the oldest of the miners, had worked in the mines since he was 12. He became a spiritual leader of the group. His wife, Lila, said being trapped in the mine brought him closer to God as she thanked God and the Virgin Mary for his rescue. "Go ahead with my faith. Go ahead with all hope. Go ahead with all the believing people, here the only thing that unites us is faith," she said.

The response went out from the world gathered at Camp Hope to the miners below was "Estamos con ustedes" -- We are with you -- it was a common sentiment that was echoed from below as well. "We 33 miners are walking hand in hand with God," miner Mario Sepulveda reported on August 31, about 26 days after the mine collapsed and nine days after the world first learned they were alive. Each day required similar, sustaining thoughts. Their survival, was born of the strength, patience and resilience their hope in God produced in them. As we turn toward the days of thanksgiving may we especially remember a newspaper headline from Santiago, Chile: Gracias a la Vida," or "Thanks for Life." - - also the name of a poem by Chilean Violeta Parra. The first stanza seems an appropriate anthem to honor the Chilean miners.

Gracias a la vida, que me ha dado tanto.
Me dió dos luceros, que cuando los abro,
perfecto distingo lo negro del blanco,
y en el alto cielo su fondo estrellado,
y en las multitudes el hombre que yo amo.

Thank you to life, which has given me so much.
It gave me two beams of light, that when opened,
can perfectly distinguish black from white,
and in the sky above, her starry backdrop,
and from within the multitude the one that I love.

Parra



NEW COMMUNION WARE

The new Communion ware has arrived and is scheduled to be dedicated on Sunday, November 7th, All Saints Sunday.

Thank you to those people who have contributed to this. They are: Alan Alexander, The Dart Team, George David, Will Kratz, the Hempels, Rose Walther, Anna Welter.

November is nearing and that means collecting for the

[EQUINOX Thanksgiving Day dinner.](#)

This year the Albany Cluster churches will be collecting individual cups of [FRUIT COCKTAIL](#)



Each church is being asked to collect 800 cups (or 200 packages of 4)

These are typically found at your local grocery store, but if you have a membership to BJ's or Sam's Club, you may also find them there, and in larger quantities. Place them in the bin in the back



COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

The annual community Thanksgiving worship service will be held once again at St. John's Lutheran Church, 160 Central Ave., Albany, NY.

We join with other cluster churches and area churches each year to thank God for our many blessings. The service is held at 7:30 PM on Wednesday evening November 24.

Last call for coin cans for Chapel Time. Bring your full cans by November 7. When all cans are collected and counted, that amount will be matched by a Chapel Time listener. If you haven't been collecting your coins and would like to write a check and put it in your can that will also be accepted! Thank you for your support.



CANCELLATIONS AND CLOSINGS

No one wants to hear it, but it is November. That 4 letter word will be soon upon us.

If the weather is bad, check with TV and radio stations for cancellations and closures at St. Paul's. There will be notification on Capital News 9, channels 6,10,13, WXXA, and radio stations FLY92, WGY, WRVE, B-95.5.

ADOPT A FAMILY

We will be adopting a family for Christmas. This program is sponsored by the Capital District Aids Council.

As soon as we know the ages and gender of the recipients, we will pass this along to you. Usually they also give us a "wish list" from the family so we have some guide lines.

Last year, the family at St. Paul's was very generous to the family we sponsored and it was greatly appreciated.



Be grateful for the kindly friends
that walk along your way;
Be grateful for the skies of blue
that smile from day to day;
Be grateful for the health you own,
the work you find to do,
For round about you there are souls

A Voters' Meeting
will be held after worship on Sunday, Nov 7th. Please plan to stay for a short time for the meeting. A light lunch will be served.



Voters' Meeting

Christmas at Sea Boxes

PLEASE continue to fill those shoeboxes with gifts for our visiting seafarers. It means so much to them to open a gift when they are so far from home. Some suggestions for items to go in the shoe boxes are:

Knit cap or gloves

Warm socks

Writing paper, pens

Comb or brush

Paperback Books

Toiletries - razor, shaving cream, tooth brush and paste

Something indigenous to: "Albany", or "NY" (someone included maple sugar)

"AA" batteries

- Whatever else you can fit in and you think that would be appreciated.

Slip in a postcard and ask the recipient to send it to you with some info about themselves or their country.



Newsletter Update

Hopefully, next month the newsletter will be sent by email AND snail mail. The (another hopefully) January's newsletter will be email only to those who have email addresses. I have tried to simplify the format so that those with email who would like to print it out can do so easily. Here's Hoping the transition goes smoothly!!!



**Please join us for an
“Afternoon with Len Tantillo”**

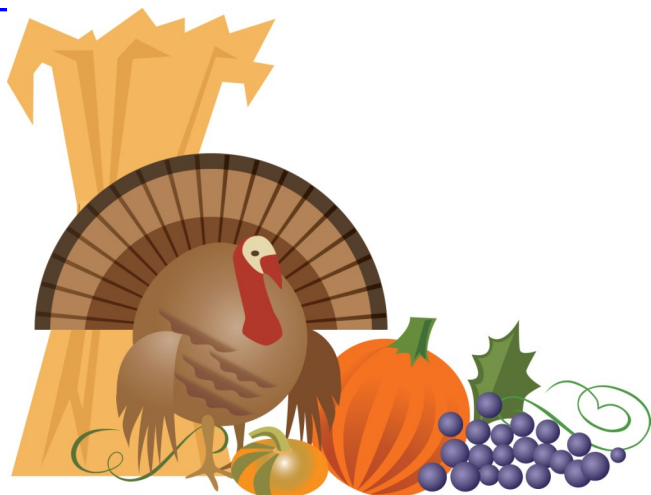
Albany’s World renowned Marine Artist

**As he talks about
The history and importance
Of the Maritime World
For Albany**

**Sunday Afternoon
November 14th
3:30 pm
At**

**First Lutheran Church
Wittenberg Hall
181 Western Ave.
Albany, NY
(free parking)**

**Sponsored by
Albany Maritime Ministry
Suggested donation \$10**



THANKSGIVING DAY—A TECHNICAL CHANGE OR AN ADAPTIVE CHANGE?

In the autumn of 1621 the new settlers to our country gathered with some native Indians for a three-day thanksgiving feast to celebrate a good harvest. This is probably why pilgrims and turkeys have become so attached to Thanksgiving Day. This event in 1621 was not a holiday, but simply a gathering to express thankfulness and share in the Lord's bounty. Thanksgiving Day as a holiday dates back to 1863 when President Lincoln pro-

claimed Thanksgiving Day as a national holiday on the last Thursday of November as an encouragement for Americans to give thanks to God for His provision. Since then Thanksgiving Day has remained a national holiday.

As Christians we rejoice that our nation observes a national day of thanksgiving. However, Christian stewards may very well question whether our current Thanksgiving Day celebration is a technical change or an adaptive change. What's the difference between a technical and an adaptive change? Actually, there is a big difference! If the celebration of Thanksgiving Day is simply one day to pause from the busyness of life and work and give thanks in whatever way people wish to express thanks, and then get back to the regular swing of things, it becomes little more than a momentary technical change. We do it for one day and then get on with life as usual. If, however, Thanksgiving Day provides us with the opportunity to express our thankfulness to God for all His blessings, and then continue to express our thankfulness on an ongoing basis it is more of an adaptive change. Simply put, a technical change is a once a year event, but an adaptive change is a change in behavior that continues throughout the year.

Jesus taught us to pray ***"give us this day our daily bread."*** Dr. Martin Luther in his explanation of this petition indicated that ***"daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body"*** and that we as God's people ***"receive our daily bread with thanksgiving."***

It is a very good practice to be regular and consistent in our prayers at mealtimes. Truly our Lord is good and His mercy endures forever. Saying prayers like this helps us remember that thanksgiving is a daily activity of God's people. Praying daily also helps us practice thanksgiving in an adaptive way. This encourages us to remember that thanksgiving is a daily way of life, not just a once a year holiday.

Christian stewards are people with grateful hearts and giving hands. All good gifts come from God and He intends for us to receive them with thankfulness and use them in ways that honor Him and bless others. God's good gifts include healthy relationships, special talents, time, the privilege of sharing the good news of Jesus, financial resources and so much more. Jesus frees us from the selfish use of all these gifts and the Holy Spirit helps us live like the children of God who freely, joyfully and daily use all of life and life's resources for God's purposes.

Happy Thanksgiving Day and may your celebration be another reminder that thanksgiving is meant to be a daily response for all that God so richly provides.



- 8. Kade Flynn
- 9. MARTHA HEMPEL
- 10. WILLIAM KRATZ
- 11. MARTHA KRATZ
- 18. Brodey Flynn
- 19. DANIELLE BARTHOLOMEW
- 22. JOAN ALDI
TINA HARRIS
- 23. Morgan Hempel
- 28. Mark Beatty

SPECIAL DATES

- All Saints' Day, November 1, 2010
- Daylight-Saving Time ends, November 7, 2010
- Veterans Day, November 11, 2010
- Christ the King Sunday, November 21, 2010
- National Bible Week, November 21-28, 2010
- Thanksgiving Day, November 25, 2010
- First Sunday of Advent, November 28, 2010

**CONGRATULATIONS TO
JOAN ALDI AND FAMILY
ON THE MARRIAGE OF
AMANDA ALDI TO
GORDON
BEDFORD
ON OCTOBER
24TH! !**



Weddings

Notice....

There are several openings in the monthly calendar for flowers and for coffee hour. If you could fill in any of these please call and leave a message at the church office. (463-0571)

BIBLE READINGS—November

Week	Dates	Reading
42	Oct 31- Nov 6	Luke 12— John 5
43	Nov 7 -13	John 6-21
44	Nov 14-20	Acts 1-18
45	Nov 21-27	Acts 19- Romans 8
46	Nov 28- Dec 4	Romans 9— 1 Cor 14



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DATE	FLOWERS	SERVICE STEWARD	Communion Assistant	ALTAR COMMITTEE	Coffee Hour
11/7	Kahlers for Nettie's Birthday	Andrew VanAcker	Lori Seim	Linda Calamaras & Muriel Brady	VOTERS' MEETING
11/14	The Hempel Family	Jeff Harris	Tina Harris		The Kahlers
11/21		Jeff Harris	Tina Harris	Marty Hempel and Arlene Hurley	Jpan Aldi
11/28		Martin Kahler	Christian David		

November 2010

St. Paul's Monthly Planner

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