

# The ECHO

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On Sunday, November 7th, we will celebrate Totenfest, a special time to remember loved ones who died during the past year. We will also celebrate new life by recognizing births in our church family during the past year.

The following list has been gathered during the past year. Please contact the church office to add names of friends and family who passed and also names of newborns in 2021.

Church members are denoted by an asterisk.

- \*Stanley Bonacker
- \*Fred Brooks
- \*Roy Bohle
- \*Bob Graham
- \*Mary Sheriff
- \*Carol Jean Kramme
- \*Juanita Branson
- Jim Bernhardt (Paul and Bettie Haug)
- Mary Schiller (Rich Koenig)
- Ken Lohse
- Robert Quinn (Kathy Heincker)
- Betty Richardson (Kathy Setzer)
- Brad Bruce (Ally & Abby)
- Wayne Ashwell (Warren)
- David Harness (Paul and Bettie)
- Deacon Barnett (Cindy Cravens)
- Kevin Sullivan (Ryan Sullivan)
- Tim Trigg
- \*Florine Bohle
- Mark Pohren (Paul and Bettie Haug)



The plan for Christmas giving this year is to partner with the Peace Pantry as we did last year. We will ask for monetary donations from the congregation so

we can plan a shopping trip for them at Walmart. As always, the Peace Pantry is going to provide us with the family information of the recipients. More details will be forthcoming in the December ECHO and through church e-mails.

*Lin Lohse*

### **Church Council update:**

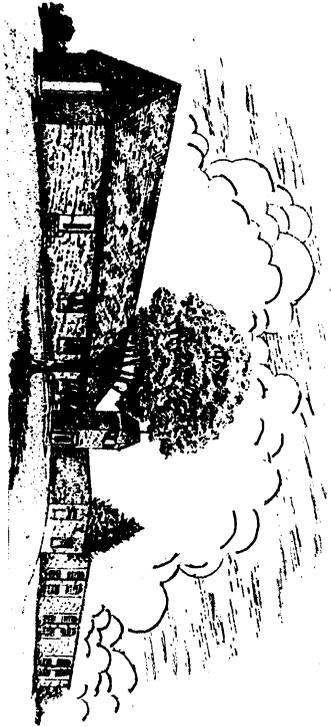
At the October 12 meeting, health and safety during these COVID times was discussed. An option of adding an air purification system throughout our building was presented. With ongoing concerns, both public and within our church family, about surface and airborne contaminants, this could be a solution to reducing contaminants in our building.

A bid for materials and labor has been obtained from Crestside Heating and Cooling in Ballwin, who have traditionally provided service to St. Martin's. The process would involve installation of eight "air scrubbers" on the existing heating systems in the building. The cost of the bid is \$6,600. And yes, that would be an expensive undertaking.

A handout on the technology for your information and further discussion is being sent out via church e-mail list. Also it's available in the Narthex. No decisions have been made at this time.

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# From the Pastor's Desk

This year, for the first time in my awareness anyway, we were encouraged to add an awareness of the history of Native Americans to the observation of Columbus Day as a way to reflect our commitment to social justice.

I am impressed with the spirituality and reverence for God's creation which is reflected in the culture of the indigenous peoples. The following Native American prayer is attributed to the Ute Nation.

As we begin to become aware of climate changes and humanity's need to better manage our natural resources a renewal of this kind of connection to our environment would do all of us a lot of good!

## An Ute Prayer

Earth teach me quiet ~ as the grasses are still with new light.  
 Earth teach me suffering ~ as old stones suffer with memory.  
 Earth teach me humility ~ as blossoms are humble with beginning.  
 Earth teach me caring ~ as mothers nurture their young.  
 Earth teach me courage ~ as the tree that stands alone.  
 Earth teach me limitation ~ as the ant that crawls on the ground.  
 Earth teach me freedom ~ as the eagle that soars in the sky.  
 Earth teach me acceptance ~ as the leaves that die each fall.  
 Earth teach me renewal ~ as the seed that rises in the spring.  
 Earth teach me to forget myself ~ as melted snow forgets its life.  
 Earth teach me to remember kindness ~ as dry fields weep with rain.

*Pastor Scott*



Every Sunday during worship service, we lift up our military and first responders in prayer. In October, our country lost General Colin Powell, who held many leadership posts in both the armed services and government, including chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and Secretary of State. He was optimistic about America's future.

In honor of General Powell, his **13 Rules of Leadership** are worthy of mention:

1. It ain't as bad as you think. It will look better in the morning.
2. Get mad, and then get over it.
3. Avoid having your ego so close to your position that when your position fails, your ego goes with it.
4. It can be done!
5. Be careful what you choose. You may get it.
6. Don't let adverse facts stand in the way of a good decision.
7. You can't make someone else's choices. You shouldn't let someone else make yours.
8. Check small things.
9. Share credit.
10. Remain calm. Be kind.
11. Have a vision. Be demanding.
12. Don't take counsel of your fears or naysayers.
13. Perpetual optimism is a force multiplier.

*Thank you Jack Nobles for suggesting the Rules of Leadership.*



Sandy Roland opened our October meeting in Fellowship Hall with a Bible Story. We had 17 members present. The slate of officers for the year 2022 are: President – Sandy Roland, Vice President – Tammy Birkenbach, Treasurer – Belinda Doyle and Secretary – Judy Davis.

Having received confirmation from Council President Jack Nobles to use the kitchen, Women's Fellowship agreed to hold our first post-Covid potluck luncheon at the November 4 meeting. Please bring a dish to share. We will eat at 11:30 with a meeting to follow.

All women of the church are invited to join us. We meet on the first Thursday of each month at 11:30. We would love to have you join us for fellowship and good food.

*Sandy Roland*



In November, the Pantry appreciates donations of sugar, cookie mixes, and cakes mixes and frosting. As always, the Pantry appreciates the support of St. Martin's in all donations offered.

October Calendar of Events

**Thursday, November 4**  
 11:30 Women's Fellowship

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7**  
 2 AM TIME CHANGE

**Sunday, November 7**  
 9 am Family Church hour  
 10 am Worship  
**TOTENFEST**  
 Hopper usher team  
 Confirmation class

**Tuesday, November 9**  
 6:30 Church Council

**Sunday, November 14**  
 9 am Family Church hour  
 10 am Worship  
 Weckback usher team  
**NO confirmation class this week**

**Sunday, November 21**  
 9 am Family Church hour  
 10 am Worship  
 Rob Bohle usher team  
 Confirmation class

**Thursday, November 28**  
**HAPPY THANKSGIVING**

**Sunday, November 28**  
 9 am Family Church hour  
 10 am Worship  
 Wakeland usher team  
 Confirmation class

**Thursdays, 5 pm, Book club**  
**Thursdays, 7 pm, Scouts**  
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**All are invited to attend.....**  
**monthly Church Council**  
**meetings, 2nd Tuesday**  
**of every month**  
**Next meeting, November 9**



80 years + Birthdays

Betty Prasuhn	11/07
Kurt Locke	11/27
Barb Short	11/2



25 years + Anniversaries

David & Donna Eads	11/04
Larry & Sherri Weber	11/06
Bob & Sharon Degalvez	11/11
Jim & Darlene Woodard	11/16
Mark & Terri Green	11/19
Paul & Bettie Haug	11/24
Gene & Vicki Malson	11/25
Marv & Marcia Dickerson	11/26



Please notice how "angels" have been at work on our church campus with the new landscaping in front of the church and with the children's reading nook in the narthex.....Thank you angels



We planned to host a Trunk or Treat on October 24, but unfortunately had to cancel due to low turnout of cars. Maybe Next Year!!

October 31 is Youth Sunday. We will be reading scripture, ushering, lighting candles, greeting, and taking care of the Nursery. November 28-We will be baking cookies after church to take to our shut-ins along with a Christmas Card from the youth group. December 12<sup>th</sup> after our church we will have lunch at Peggs's and shop at Wal-Mart for families for Christmas. We plan to buy for a family from the Grandview District as well as a family from the Northwest District. Our first quarterly meeting will be January 9<sup>th</sup>, at this meeting we will be deciding on a location for a Mission Trip for June of 2022. As church continues to open up, we will be expanding our mission of service to our church and congregation.

**Youth Brags:**

Briana Cicero is a member of the Spirit of Northwest Marching Band. On October 23 at the Ste. Genevieve Band Competition Northwest won outstanding music, visual, percussion, color guard and took 1<sup>st</sup> place overall. Brianna was also recently chosen to play in the Honors Band which is quite an accomplishment. We are very proud of Brianna and her musical talent!!!

On October 23, the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Junior Lions Football Team beat Seckman for the first time ever in round one of the playoffs. Next week they advance to the second round. Way to go Jayden Green!!

The 8th grade Junior Lions Football Team won their first round playoff game and advance to the second round of playoffs next week. Way to go Drew Kavanagh!!

Luke Meier, a freshman at Northwest, scored his 1<sup>st</sup> high school goal in last weeks Soccer game. Luke is also a member of the Cross-Country Track Team, and he continues to improve his time at every meet. Keep up the good work Luke!!

Allison Franken a Youth "graduate" recently completed her Nursing degree from Goldfarb School of Nursing. Our newest RN is now an employee of Barnes Hospital and works in labor and delivery.

Julia Moder a senior at Northwest High School was recently accepted into Maryville University's Nursing Program for the Fall 2022 semester.

And, All God's Children said "Amen"!!!!

*Terri, Donna, & Kathy*