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TLC MESSENGER

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Pastor's Piece/Peace

REV. AARON DICKERSON

Dear TLC Members and Friends,

The 120th Church Anniversary Banquet and Worship Service were truly a great celebration. If you did not attend, you missed a great spiritual experience. The theme, "Down Through the Years," was so appropriate for the progress that Transfiguration Lutheran Church has made in the past, and all by the grace of God! We were challenged by guest speaker, Rev. Victor Belton, to incorporate the theme bible verse (Ps. 107:1) in our devotion on a daily basis: "O give thanks to the Lord for He is good and His mercy endures forever." Let us not rest on our laurels of a successful celebration, but immediately continue to spread the love and gift of salvation with our family, friends, and community. God bless you!

Lutheran Foundation Community Crisis Grant

TLC applied for a grant from the Lutheran Foundation of St. Louis and was awarded \$5,000 to be used to assist people in the community who are in crisis and need of funding to help pay their utility bills (gas, electricity, water, and sewer), and people in the community who need assistance in purchasing personal hygiene items. Referrals from the social workers at Jefferson School and Gateway 180 will be accepted and reviewed. The committee who will oversee the disbursement of these funds are Melba Davis, Katherine Hawkings, Adeitria Jackson, Donnell Jackson, Edna Jones, Leslie Jones, Robert Miller, and Pastor Dickerson.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, Dec. 3- Holiday Bazaar

Shop at the Holiday Bazaar at TLC right after church service.

Saturday, December 9- Secret Sister Dinner

The Women's Guild will host the celebration at Landry's Seafood House at 3 PM. All members and friends are welcome to attend.

Sunday, Dec. 17- Christmas Concert

Join us for our Christmas Concert during worship service.

Sunday, Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Service

**Pledge forms also due.

Advent Services (6 PM on Zoom)

Wednesday, December 6

Wednesday, December 13

Wednesday, December 20

Thanksgiving Observance

Count your blessings instead of your crosses;

Count your gains instead of your losses.

Count your joys instead of your woes;

Count your friends instead of your foes.

Count your smiles instead of your tears;

Count your courage instead of your fears.

Count you full years instead of your lean;

Count your kind deeds instead of your mean.

Count your health instead of your wealth;

Count on God instead of yourself.



120th Anniversary Service

The worship service for the 120th Anniversary Celebration was filled with scripture readings, music, and the Word. The service was absolutely wonderful! The male chorus sang, "Down Through the Years," and the Chancel Choir sang, "Waymaker." The music and the sermon uplifted and encouraged all of us. The planning committee also held a candlelight remembrance in honor of the members who have gone on to glory. Pastor Belton's message from the beginning to the end of his sermon was "O give thanks unto the Lord." He engaged the congregation in a call and response of this scripture throughout his sermon. Pastor Belton reminded us that the Lord's mercy will endure forever for all believers.



Ha! Ha!

When does Christmas come before Thanksgiving?

In the dictionary!



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December Birthdays

- Happy Birthday to Rosalind Jackson, Victor Youree, Rosa Nichols, and Elmerrine Smith.

120th Anniversary

120th Anniversary Planning Committee for a job well done. Members: Leslie Jones, Katherine Hawkins, Shirley Jackson, Theresa Wilkins, Rev. Victor Belton, Pastor Aaron Dickerson, and Anthony Wilkins, Chairman. A special thank you to Eric Banks who served as our photographer and videographer for the Anniversary Celebration.

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