



SEA NOTES

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For our paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed. Therefore, let us celebrate the festival, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. (1 Corinthians 5:7b-8)

Hopefully, you have been receiving mailings about our 2020 stewardship campaign, *Beginning a Culture of Generosity*. Very soon, you will be receiving a commitment letter in the mail asking you to make a pledge for next year. This is important, especially during this time of Covid, for us to be able to budget and continue our ministries.

On November 15 - commitment Sunday – we want to make that day a day of celebration! Therefore, I am excited to announce that on that Sunday we will hold our first in-person Sunday worship at Shepherd of the Sea since March! The plan is to have the service outside so we can have more than just our Synod recommended limit of 25 indoors. As a bonus, no sign-up will be required for this service. You can just show up!

To be clear, this will **not** be a return to pre-covid worship. This outside service is a one-time event, although look for another announcement on more services soon. We are still requiring the wearing of a mask and social distancing. We will not be able to have any congregational singing, but there **will** be music that we can listen to (and perhaps hum if we are so inclined). We will have communion, but it will be with wafers and single use cups.

I know this does not mean that we are fully back, but it is a step forward, and I am super excited to get to worship together again! So, bring a chair to sit in, bring your pledge card, bring something warm to wear (probably), and celebrate new beginnings.

Some of you may not feel comfortable assembling in worship yet. That is perfectly understandable. We will post the service on social media for you to watch at home, and you can return the pledge card by mail. We do ask that if you do send in a pledge card, please send it to arrive no later than Monday, November 16 if possible.

And don't' forget, with 45 pledges returned, our church will get an extra \$1000 donation!

Grace + Peace,
Pastor Scott

CHURCH HAPPENINGS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Keep In Your Prayers

Bob Montgomery as he continues to recover from surgery.

Carey & Peggy Blount as they search for a new house

Do you have a prayer request you'd like to share? Let us know and we can include it in the next Sea Notes

Collection Items

The Campbell Soup Company has ended their labels for education program after 43 years. Shepherd of the Sea will no longer be collecting soup labels. Thank you to everyone for supporting this program over the years!

Servant Schedule

There is no servant schedule due to COVID-19.

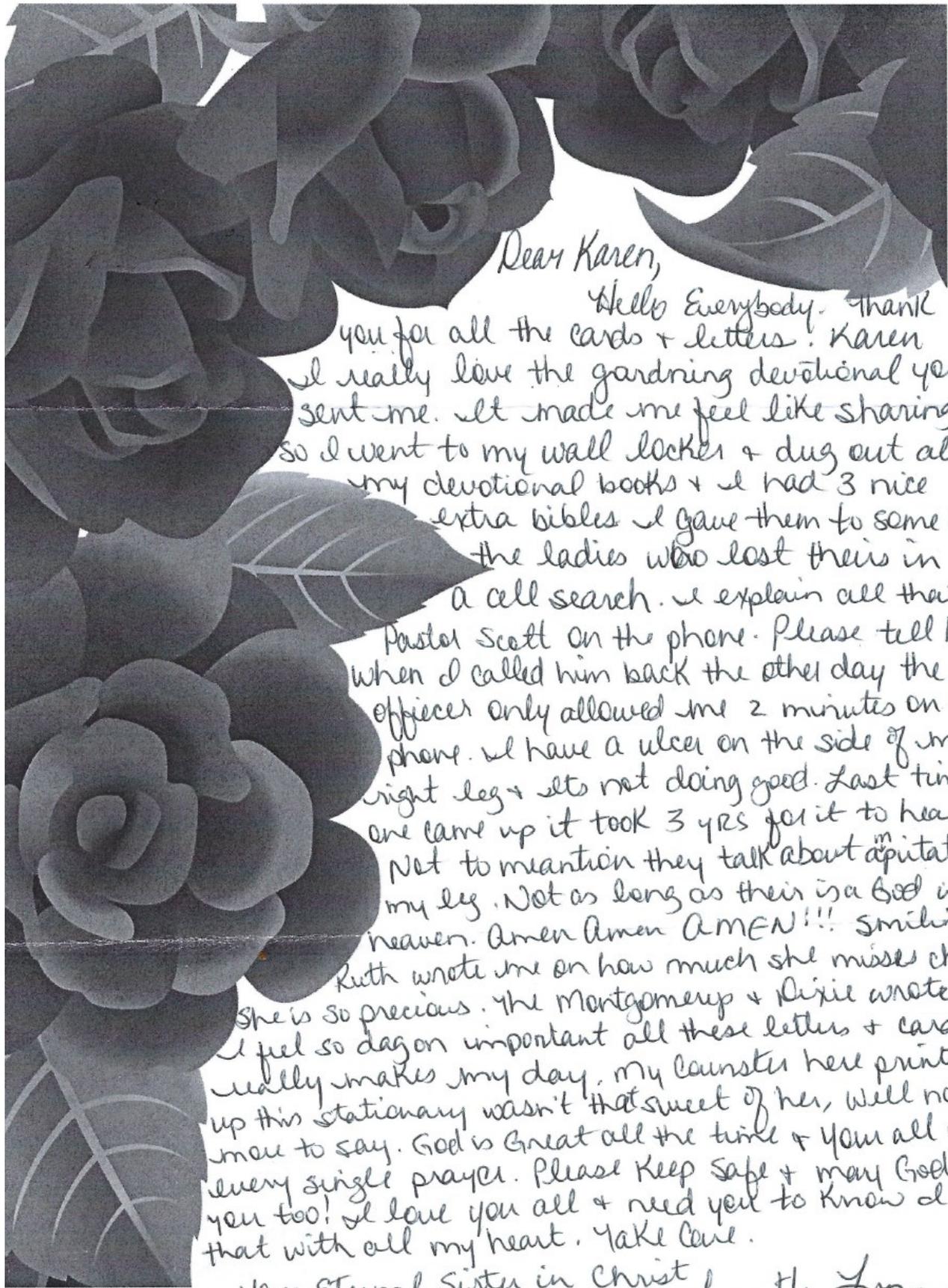
Social Media Outreach—Last Month

People reached through our Facebook page	450
Facebook likes, comments, and shares	453
Visits to our website	177
YouTube channel views	158

LECTIONARY READING FOR NOVEMBER

Color of the Day	Nov 1 All Saints	Nov 8 Pentecost 23	Nov 15 Pentecost 24	Nov 22 Christ the King	Nov 29 Advent 1	Color of the Day
First Reading	Revelation 7:9-17	Amos 5:18-24	Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24	Isaiah 64:1-9	First Reading
Psalm	34:1-10, 22	70	90:1-8	95:1-7	80:1-7, 17-19	Psalm
Second Reading	1 John 3:1-3	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11	Ephesians 1:15-23	1 Corinthians 1:3-9	Second Reading
Gospel	Matt 5:1-12	Matt 25:1-13	Matt 25:14-30	Matt 25:31-46	Mark 13:24-37	Gospel

We received this letter from Loretta and wanted to share it with everyone



Dear Karen,

Hello Everybody. Thank you for all the cards + letters. Karen I really love the gardening devotional you sent me. It made me feel like sharing so I went to my wall locker + dug out all my devotional books + I had 3 nice extra bibles I gave them to some of the ladies who lost theirs in a cell search. I explain all that to Pastor Scott on the phone. Please tell him when I called him back the other day the officier only allowed me 2 minutes on the phone. I have a ulcer on the side of my right leg + its not doing good. Last time one came up it took 3 yrs for it to heal. Not to mention they talk about amputating my leg. Not as long as there is a God in heaven. Amen Amen AMEN!!! Smiling!! Ruth wrote me on how much she misses church she is so precious. The Montgomery + Dixie wrote me I feel so dagon important all these letters + card. It really makes my day. My counster here printed me up this stationary wasn't that sweet of her, well not much more to say. God is Great all the time + You all in my every single prayer. Please Keep Safe + may God Bless you too! I love you all + need you to know I mean that with all my heart. Take Care.

Your Eternal Sister in Christ
Loretta Lynn

Prayer for Election Day

On this day when we cast our ballots,
Let us also cast our hope.
May God grant us the courage
To dream of our country not as it is -
Marred by violence and hatred and division -
But of what it may yet be.
May the arc of the moral universe
That Dr. King described
Bend, visibly,
Toward justice in our time.
No matter the outcome,
Hard roads stretch before us.
Let us join hands and walk together,
One in heart, into the future.
Amen.

- Cameron Bellm

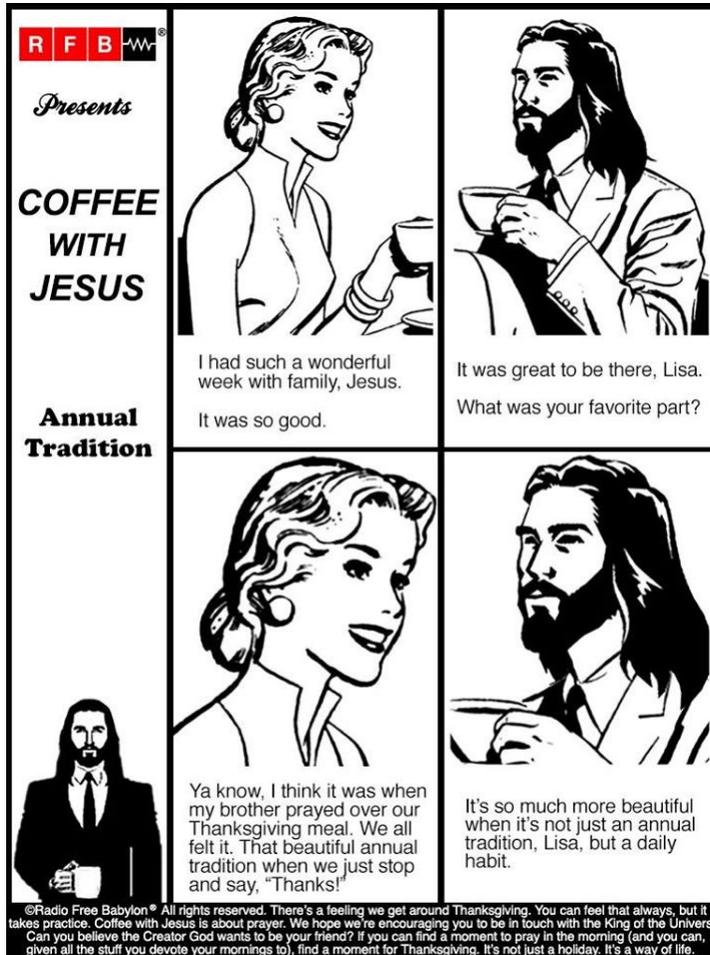
CHURCH FUNNIES

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Presents

COFFEE WITH JESUS

Annual Tradition



©Radio Free Babylon® All rights reserved. There's a feeling we get around Thanksgiving. You can feel that always, but it takes practice. Coffee with Jesus is about prayer. We hope we're encouraging you to be in touch with the King of the Universe. Can you believe the Creator God wants to be your friend? If you can find a moment to pray in the morning (and you can, given all the stuff you devote your mornings to), find a moment for Thanksgiving. It's not just a holiday. It's a way of life.

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