

# November

## Alvina Federwitz's Thanksgiving Calendar

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

**Enter [the Lord's] gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

**Psalm 100:4-5 (NIV)**

1. Praise God that today, Nov 1<sup>st</sup>, the California LBT Fall Dinners will be held at the historic Immanuel Lutheran Church in Orange, CA. This is where Morrie and Lois Watkins began the work of Lutheran Bible Translators in 1964.

2. Today the **LBT Fall Dinner** will also be held at **Red Hill Lutheran Church in Tustin, CA.** Our speakers this year will be **Chuck and Karen Tessaro**, who will share about Bible translation in Nigeria; West Africa.

3. This past year has not been without its challenges, disappointments and arthritic pain, but God's love and faithfulness is what I see as I reflect on what I am thankful for.

4. My family continues to serve the Lord in many parts of the world. What can be more fulfilling than that for a mother who is passionate for having God's Word in a language that will be understood by all people in the world?

5. The highlight of 2019 was being able to return to Liberia for the dedication of the LIBTRALO Headquarter building. I am so thankful for all who made this possible with their gifts and prayers.

6. Going to Liberia helped me make closure to what had been my life for over 40 years. Witnessing Liberians effectively carrying on the work of Bible translation and Scripture use is awesome.

7. Another highlight in 2019 was that the Gola people of Liberia finished translating the New Testament into their language. Plans are for it to be dedicated in 2020!

8. David and Valerie continue to serve in Ghana where David serves as LBT Regional Director of West Africa. In addition to being a busy mom, Valerie is studying nutrition, helping family and friends heal by eating the right foods.

9. David and Valerie's children, Michaela and Josiah, are doing well at St. Paul Lutheran High School in Concordia, MO.; while Micah and Joy Anna absolutely love being taught by Claude and Rhoda Houge.

10. June 19th to 20th found me in Mobile, Alabama for the National LWML Convention as one of LBT's exhibitors. Seeing old friends and making new friends that share my passion for reaching the lost with God's Word inspires me so much.

11. The highlight of this convention was that LWMLers chose to grant \$95,000 to help LBT establish Bible translation courses in the Lutheran Seminary in Ethiopia so local pastors can translate God's Word into the numerous languages who still do NOT have God's Word.

12. My three college age grandchildren make me so proud. Julia is in her final year of preparing to be a Lutheran School teacher at CUW. Leah is there too, and this year is heading up Beautiful Feet, inspiring young people in missions.

13. Nathan is in training at SMAT (School of Missionary Aviation Technology) in Ionia, MI. Hard work got him through CUW in three years with a degree in missions and certification as a Lutheran Lay Minister.

14. Praise God that Danny, Becca, Anna, Joshua and Wesley DeLoach are living near me. Becca is enjoying home schooling the boys and Danny enjoys his role in facilitating the work of national Bible translation organizations around the world.

15. Becca is a super busy Mom as Danny is often either gone or getting ready to go to many parts of the world. Daughter Anna, a sophomore in high school, recently received her driving learner's permit.

16. I thank God that LBT is allowing me to serve as an adjunct missionary. Now I am working with LWMLers in writing grant proposals for LBT to be presented at the 2020 LWML District Conventions.

17. Praise God for the opportunity I had to attend the Concordia Mission Institute which was made up of missionaries from LBT and Mission of Christ Network. Being with like-minded Lutheran missionaries was encouraging and spiritually renewing.

18. Arthritic pain has cut through my pride and has caused me to depend on the grace of God. With the Apostle Paul, I hear God saying, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." 2 Cor 12:9a

19. I thank God for LIBTRALO, the nationalized Bible translation and literacy organization, who continue to carry on the work of Scripture engagement in Liberia. If you wish to support the work they do, you can put International Development Fund in the memo line of your check.

20. Paul and Ali and family continue to live in Ghana; West Africa. In addition to using his computer skills in hardware and software, Paul has added management strategies to his résumé of computer activities.

21. Not sure who travels more now, Paul or Ali, but Ali's job as Member Care has grown as well. Although Ali is still the primary teacher for Levi and Eden, who are doing well academically, Paul steps in and helps with his expertise.

22. Hannah is going to a nearby International School. It's been an adjustment, but she is doing well academically and is enjoying making new friends.

23. Levi broke his arm in a community home school activity that resulted in his needing surgery which, despite concerns, was a positive experience.

24. Having a home in the States when Jonathan, Carrie and Rachel were on furlough this past year was a new and positive experience for me. They traveled a lot, but we made the most of the time we could have together.

25. Jonathan, Carrie and Rachel are back in Papua New Guinea. Jonathan's skills in administration are again being used as are Carrie's teaching skills. Rachel loves being back in the classroom with very special friends.

26. Other than bouts of arthritis, I have enjoyed good health and have developed an increasing number of friends through church and Bible classes and in my neighborhood.

27. I have the privilege of hosting my nephew, Staff Sergeant Jacob and Trista Geigle, and their three young daughters this Thanksgiving. They have been assigned to a Marine base near me. Really looking forward to having little ones in my home.

28. **Thanksgiving Day**- Life, health and family is much to be thankful for. I am especially thankful for the gift of Jesus, my Savior, for my faith in him; for the forgiveness of my sins through him and for eternal life with him.

29. Martin and Joan Weber have asked that I come and help them prepare for leaving Cameroon. Plans are for me to be with them mid-March to early May. I am very much looking forward to returning to Africa.

30. Praise God for all of you who are partners in my ministry!! Your prayers and financial support have been the fuel that has made my ministry joy-filled and successful.

2019



Leah, Jonathan, Carrie, Nathan, Rachel, Julia



Hannah, Paul, Eden, Ali, Levi



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