

November

Alvina Federwitz's Thanksgiving Calendar

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

**Children's children are a crown to the aged,
and parents are the pride of their children.
Proverbs 17:6 (NIV)**

4. Praising God that my health is much better than it was a year ago. Although I will always have arthritis on my spine, eating the right food, using essential oils and exercise has alleviated inflammation and reduced my pain greatly. I am sleeping much better too.

5. David and Valerie, Micah and JoyAnna are happy to be back in Ghana. Although they enjoyed the creature comforts in the States, living out of suitcases lessens the joy of seeing mission partners and family.

6. Praise God that Michaela and Josiah are making a gradual adjustment to being away from their family (David and Valerie). They are boarding students at St. Paul Lutheran High School in Concordia, MO.

7. Praise God for LWML. I was asked to find **LWMLers to be exhibitors** at the LWML District Conventions this year, which has saved a lot of money for work overseas. LBT was represented at 18 of the 40 conventions.

8. Praise God for the wonderful time I had with my immediate and extended family this summer. So many wonderful memories were shared and precious memories made.

9. **Praise God that today, Nov 9th, the California LBT Fall Dinners will be held at the historic Immanuel Lutheran Church in Orange, CA.** This is where Morrie and Louis Watkins began the work of Lutheran Bible Translators.

10. This year the **LBT Fall Dinner will also be held at Red Hill Lutheran Church in Tustin, CA.** Our speaker this year will be **Jim Laesch**, who will give an overview of LBT's work from the early 70's through today.

11. Praise God that my three oldest grandchildren, Nathan, Julia and Leah Federwitz, are growing academically and spiritually at Concordia University Wisconsin and loving it.

12. 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.

13. Praise God for the opportunities God is still giving me to promote the work of LBT so that the millions of people who do not yet have God's Word in a language they understand, will one day have it.

14. Thank God for Dr. Corrine Weaver, a Christian Upper Cervical Chiropractic Specialist, who has adjusted my spine, given me a healing diet and shown me essential oils used in Bible times that has greatly reduced the pain I was experiencing.

15. I thank God that LBT is allowing me to serve as an adjunct missionary. My job as LBT Mission Participation Coordinator allows me to connect mission minded Lutherans to groups of people who still need God's Word in their heart languages.

16. 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.

17. Children's children are a crown to the aged, and parents are the pride of their children. (Prov. 17:6) My children, their spouses and my grandchildren are my greatest blessing and I thank God for them daily!

18. I will also be blessed to have Michaela and Josiah staying with me for their Thanksgiving break from St. Paul Lutheran High School.

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 "PIF" in the memo line of your check as that stands for Partner Infrastructure Funds.

20. Praise God that son, Paul, continues to work with LBT and LIBTRALO and other African countries in the use of technological skills. Thank God that Paul uses his technical skills to help get God's Word to those who still do not have it.

21. This Thanksgiving I am looking forward to having the DeLoach and Jonathan and Carrie Federwitz families around my table – a rare blessing as they lived and worked half way around the world from where I lived in Africa.

22. **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.

23. Not only am I grateful that my children and their families share my passion for getting God's Word to those who still do not have it, but each have leadership roles in promoting the ongoing work of Bible translation and Scripture engagement.

24. African culture has taught me that building relationships is extremely important. I am part of a Bible study that is made up of many mission minded ladies and I praise God for the friendships I have developed through our special time together.

25. Spiritual nourishment is one thing that I lacked on the mission field as I was working in a culture so different from my own. Thank God that He has led me to a Lutheran church that feeds me spiritually and gives me brothers and sisters in Christ.

26. Granddaughter, Leah (Jonathan and Carrie) was valedictorian for her high school graduation at the mission school in Ukarumpa, Papua New Guinea. Praise God that she hopes to use her academic and musical skills on the mission field teaching children of missionaries.

27. Praise God that Jonathan, Carrie, and Rachel can report back to their partners in the States about the work they are part of through their gifts and prayers. Rachel is successfully doing homeschool via Internet as they travel.

28. For Christmas 2017, I had the privilege of having family in my home to celebrate the birth of our Savior. It is my plan to spend this Christmas with Jonathan and Carrie's family and Carrie's family in Phoenix, AZ.

29. Paul, Ali, Hannah, Levi, and Eden are happy to be back home in Ghana after spending the summer at the LBT Service Center for health and work-related activities. Ali not only used her member care skills, but got on-going training to develop these skills.

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.



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