

November

Alvina Federwitz's Thanksgiving Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1. Despite COVID-19, Lutheran Bible Translator's (LBT) work has continued, thanks to the tools of technology. Thank God for His protection over the health of LBT staff and national partners.	2. Praise God for the ongoing ministries of my children and their families in Papua New Guinea (PNG) and Ghana, West Africa.	3. Praise God for the freedom to choose righteous leaders for our country via the ballot box today.	4. I am grateful that I was blessed to have four of my grandchildren stay with me this summer when they could not travel home to be with their parents in PNG and Ghana due to COVID restrictions.	5. The highlight of 2020 was the wedding of Grandson, Nathan Federwitz, to Sarah Jacob on July 25th. It was a beautiful and meaningful occasion despite many COVID restrictions.	6. Praise God that Danny, Becca, Anna, Joshua, and Wesley DeLoach can continue their work virtually. Through Zoom and other technologies Danny continues to work with partners in Papua New Guinea to develop church-led Bible translation projects.	7. Daughter, Becca DeLoach, continues to homeschool Joshua and Wesley, while Anna is in a virtual classroom. Teaching and running an active household keep Becca very busy.
8. LBT missionaries and leaders were able to attend the Gola New Testament dedication on March 8th just prior to closure of all flights going to and from Liberia, West Africa.	9. David and Valerie Federwitz moved from Ghana to Concordia, MO where three of their children - Michaela, Josiah, and Micah - attend St. Paul Lutheran High School. David continues to serve as LBT Regional Director in West Africa.	10. In addition to being a busy mom and homeschooling JoyAnna, Valerie is studying nutrition-helping family and friends heal by eating the right foods.	11. My biggest praise item in 2020 is greatly reduced pain in my spine and hips caused by degenerative osteoarthritis. Gradual relief came after stem cells from a donated umbilical cord along with my own plasma was injected into my sacroiliac joint.	12. Staying connected with LWMLers brings me much joy. This year I have played a role in writing two proposals that have been sent for the LWML National Convention to be held next June in Lexington, Kentucky.	13. Due to COVID travel restrictions Jonathan, Carrie, Julia, and Rachel had flights to PNG cancelled 5 times. As I write this, it appears that they will make it to PNG in mid-October.	14. Grandson, Nathan Federwitz, is in training at SMAT (School of Missionary Aviation Technology) in Jonia, MI. He graduated as an FAA Certified Aviation Mechanic in September and moved right into his flight training to be a missionary pilot.
15. Granddaughter, Julia Federwitz, graduated in May from Concordia University-WI. She is putting her teaching credentials to use as 1st grade teacher at Ukranumpa International School, the school she attended growing up in Papua New Guinea.	16. Granddaughter, Leah Federwitz, is a Junior at Concordia University-WI. She did a phenomenal job heading up the Beautiful Feet Conference last fall at CUW, inspiring young people from the various Concordia campuses in mission efforts.	17. COVID travel restrictions also affected Jonathan and Carrie's youngest, Rachel. She was eager to get back to school and to friends but has had to resort to doing 11 th grade online at least until second semester.	18. Three of my grandchildren (Anna, Josiah, and Rachel) are juniors in high school. Due to COVID, I was privileged to spend special time with them this year. Each is unique and gifted.	19. I thank God for LIBTRALO, the national Bible translation and literacy organization in Liberia. This year they have facilitated the training of hundreds of Mann and Dan people to read and write their language.	20. Paul and Ali Federwitz and family continue to live in Ghana, West Africa, but work virtually around the world via Internet. Paul's computer skills have been a huge blessing to them and LBT as so much work is now carried on virtually.	21. Paul has two roles: As LBT Chief Information Officer, he leads the information technology team. He also serves as Assistant Director for Program Ministries and leads the data management team.
22. Presently Paul is working on an online master's program in organizational management. He is finding it to be very insightful and will be a huge help to him in carrying on his leadership roles.	23. Ali's role in Member Care is now done online when travel is not an option. In July she successfully led a course for Concordia Mission Institute online. She is also the primary homeschool teacher for Levi and Eden.	24. Granddaughter, Hannah Federwitz, is now in high school. She made the adjustment to going to the International School in Accra, Ghana and has gradually made friends there. Due to COVID she is presently going to school virtually.	25. Adjusting to life in the States came slower than I anticipated. I do enjoy living in North Carolina. This year we had just the right amount of rain to keep my lawn lovely and green. I do enjoy living here and enjoy having visitors.	26. Thanksgiving Day - Life, health and family is much to be thankful for. I thank God for restored health and for the family that could spend time with me this year.	27. Although COVID has brought many changes, I thank God that neither I, nor anyone in my family, has succumbed to this illness.	28. My year began with me in so much pain that even getting out of bed was a pain filled experience. I was so grateful to have had my granddaughters, Julia and Leah, staying with me as they helped me in so many ways.
29. I am grateful for generally good health. I have arthritis and the weather affects the pain I have. I am very grateful that I no longer need a walker. I thank God that I can again walk 2 miles a few days a week.	30. Praise God for all of you who continue to keep me in your thoughts and prayers.	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.</i> 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NIV)</p>				

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Rachel, Leah, Sarah, Nathan, Garrie, Julia, Jonathan



Eden, Ali, Levi, Paul, Hannah



Danny, Anna, Wesley, Joshua, Becca (DeLoach)



Jostah, Miteah, Michaela, David, JoyAnna, Valerie



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