

MLP Japan News



Cosmos field in Kiyose, Tokyo

Greetings

The Time of Giving Thanks

As November arrives, Japan enters the beautiful season of autumn. It's a time brimming with a variety of pleasures, from harvests to sports, dining, reading, and the arts. During this season, we must not forget to give thanks to God, who created us and enriches our days. Most importantly, God sent Jesus Christ to save us. MLP Japan will continue its work to spread this joyful news across all 47 prefectures of Japan.

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Evangelism

Joy Club: Nurturing Young Spirits in Bilingual Christian Learning

On Friday, November 3rd, the bilingual Bible class for elementary students, "Joy Club," was held at the MLP Japan Office/Egawa residence. The day's theme was "The Reformation". We delved into Martin Luther's 95 Theses and the impact of the Reformation. We are grateful that the kids had fun learning as they sang hymns composed by Luther, engaged in games and crafts of making Luther's seal with plastic shrinking board, and enjoyed snack time!



Notice

A Fresh Start for OJC

Oyako Joy Club (OJC) will see a fresh start in November, as we welcome new members to our group. Four of our five founding members are moving on, and we want to express our deepest thanks for their dedicated service and invaluable contributions over the last eighteen months. Our reading sessions, designed for children aged 0-3, aim to be both fun and educational, and we are eager to continue this rewarding journey. We appreciate your continued prayers and support.

Our next event will be on Nov. 27, at 11:00 AM, at the Higashikurume Chuo Library.



SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH

Praise the LORD, my soul,
and forget not all his benefits.

Psalms 103:2

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Thankful Saints

November marks a transitional period from fall to winter for those living in the northern United States and holds special spiritual significance for Christians. All Saints' Day on November 1st is a time to give thanks to God for the faithful believers He has provided in the past. This is not about idol worship but rather expressing gratitude to God.

The Thanksgiving holiday in the latter half of November is a time to articulate our gratitude, eagerly anticipating Jesus' return and the promise of eternal life. It is an excellent opportunity to reflect on how much we have been forgiven through God's grace and to nurture a thankful heart. Through Jesus' pure life and sacrifice on the cross and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we Christians who live in this world are already freed from sin through faith in Jesus. In God's eyes, we are saints. In the midst of our daily busyness, we may sometimes forget to give thanks to God, but it is crucial not to be ensnared by guilt. Instead, we should return to God with repentance and faith. By following these biblical teachings, we can be reassured that we are saints in the eyes of God, finding new reasons to be thankful.

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James Pope | FIC Editor



Don't Miss the Point

Tragedies sometimes occur in our world, and during these times, it is important not to overlook the essential message God wants to convey to us. We often focus on the apparent causes of events like disasters and wars, missing the deeper meanings God wants to teach us. When Jesus spoke about the misfortunes that happened to some Galileans, He emphasized that the true lesson was the need for everyone to repent. He said, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish." (Luke 13:2-3)

Jesus also indicated that similar disasters and tragedies are signs of the end times. God is reminding us that this world is broken. The tragedies that have occurred are a call to repentance for all of us. Jesus promises that He has the power to restore the world to its original perfect state. He is also teaching us the importance of being prepared for His return and the final judgment that will take place.

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Mark G. Schroeder | WELS President

Hymn of the Season

Come, You Thankful People, Come (CW 613 vv.1,4)

1 Come, you thankful people, come,	4 Even so, Lord, quickly come,
Raise the song of harvest home;	To your final harvest home;
All is safely gathered in,	Gather all your people in,
Ere the winter storms begin.	Free from sorrow, free from sin,
God our Maker shall provide	There, forever purified,
For our wants to be supplied;	In your garner to abide;
Come to God's own temple, come,	Come, with all your angels, come,
Raise the song of harvest home.	Raise the glorious harvest home.

