

# THE MESSENGER

## MARTIN LUTHER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*We welcome you to come ...*

## Worship With Us!

*Sundays: 10:00 am*

**(Holy Communion every Sunday)**

### MLLC-



Will meet on Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. Thank You.

### TUESDAY BIBLE BUNCH

Have you ever really read the weekly Sunday lessons? Have you ever given them a second thought and how they relate to your everyday daily life? Have you talked about them with other people of faith? Why not start this Tuesday morning at 9:30 am? Come join us in Pastor's office. Bring a Bible and a willingness to talk. We'll have a great time. Join us!

NOVEMBER birthdays:

**21** Debbie Parisan

NOVEMBER  
BAPTISMAL  
BIRTHDAYS

**20** Peggy Salpietro



2020

# November

### WORSHIP ASSISTANCE NEEDED

We are looking for people to sign up to read the lessons during Worship. Please consider signing up for a Sunday or two. All readings are sent to you ahead of time to familiarize you with the text. You will find the sign up sheet on the narthex bulletin board. Please sign up today! Thank You.



**DON'T FORGET** – to visit our Martin Luther Lutheran Church Facebook page at

[www.facebook.com/mllc1918](http://www.facebook.com/mllc1918) and



**LOOK FOR** Information on ordering your poinsettia plants for the holidays, along with order forms and pricing in the upcoming worship bulletins, and in the back of this Messenger. Don't forget to order early! Our order must be placed by Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>.



## W/ELCA MEETINGS

Due the current COVID-19 pandemic, meetings are on hold until further notice. Thank You.

## Bread Making – Beware of the Yeast

Due the current COVID-19 pandemic, meetings are on hold until further notice. Thank You.

**REMINDER** It's that time of the year again to change your clocks. This time, we get to sleep an extra hour. But don't stay up to late or you will be late for worship on Sunday. Remember to change your clocks back one hour on Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup> before you go to bed so that you are bright eyed and bushy tailed for worship on Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>.



## SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

**Sunday Morning Bible Study** – Do you remember your days of Confirmation? Would you rather forget it? It had no meaning, it was boring, and it was on Saturday mornings or Wednesday evenings, and my parents made me do it, but you went through with it much to your chagrin. Well, we are going to look at it again, but hopefully in a different way. Come join us as we discuss the Small Catechism that Martin Luther wrote for us that we may be in touch with our faith. Join us on November 8<sup>th</sup>, and 22<sup>nd</sup> after worship. We will continue with the 10 Commandments. Join Pastor Joanne in the undercroft as we have our own Table Talks. See you there.



## CONGRATULATIONS Dr. Lillian Sangha!

We have a doctor in our midst. Lillian has now passed her second board exams and she is now officially a doctor. She is now going to be interviewing for a residency program somewhere soon. Congratulations again!

## MLLC FINANCIAL SUMMARY - SEPTEMBER

Monthly Giving	Monthly Needed	Shortfall
\$4,104.00	\$10,336.00	\$6,232.00
YTD Giving	YTD Needed	YTD Shortfall
\$49,026.51	\$72,352.00	\$23,325.49

In an effort to be transparent about our finances at MLLC, we will be giving you a summary so that you may be aware of our situation. In Sunday's bulletin we will continue to give you the weekly giving.

## ALL SAINTS SUNDAY - November 1, 2020

On All Saints Sunday we will remember our loved ones and friends who have passed away this year. As we do every year, we will have the Book of remembrance at the back of the sanctuary. Please print the names of loved ones who passed away during the last year from November 1, 2019 to the present, who you wish to be remembered during our service. We will also have a Memorial Gallery set up in the back of church. We invite you to bring a photo of any loved one who has passed away. Please bring a framed photograph to be displayed. All framed photographs can be set out on the table.

**ADVENT CHANCEL DECORATING** Here is the schedule for the chancel tree decorating. Many hands make light work.

- Advent 1 (11/29) the tree will be up and lit in the chancel
- Advent 2 (12/6) decorating - We will decorate the tree at this time. Come one, Come all!
- Advent 3 (12/13) The Creche will be displayed at this time. Let us come, wait, and watch as Christmas Day approaches and we wait for Jesus' coming.





## A Note from Pastor Joanne

*We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because*

*your faith growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing. Therefore we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your steadfast faith during all your persecution and afflictions that you are enduring.*

2 Thessalonians 1:3-4

The event that Americans commonly call the "First Thanksgiving" was celebrated by the Pilgrims after their first harvest in the New World in October 1621. This feast lasted three days, and—as recounted by attendee Edward Winslow—was attended by 90 Native Americans and 53 Pilgrims. The New England colonists were accustomed to regularly celebrating "thanksgivings," days of prayer, thanking God for blessings such as after a military victory or at the end of a drought.

Thanksgiving has been celebrated nationally on and off since 1789, with a proclamation by President George Washington after a request by Congress. President Thomas Jefferson chose not to observe the holiday, and its celebration was intermittent until President Abraham Lincoln, in 1863, proclaimed a national day of "Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens", to be celebrated on the last Thursday in November.

Thanksgiving—is it just today? Is it just that I happening? What is it? Why do we have Thanksgiving day? How important is it is it is it necessary? Shouldn't it shouldn't we be giving thanks to God every day? What do you think? If you can as a day of giving thanks and sacrifice for the blessings of the harvest and of the previous year.

Paul tells us to give thanks to God without ceasing. Does that mean just one particular day? What do you think? We are called to serve God all the time. After all what has God done for each one of us--created me and all that exist? God sent his son into the world--and Jesus died and rose for each of us. For what? For us, for our sins, to offer us

God's grace even though we do not deserve it at all. It is meaningful and heartfelt for us to be thankful of all that God has given us each day and why shouldn't we, as part of God's creation? It was modeled after a feast in 1621 that was started by the Pilgrims and then Wampanaong people. How wonderful would that be if we could share our lives with others, other than our immediate family! It is time it is a time of gathering crops in a season of great rejoicing.

For what are you thankful? What do you need to thank our Lord for today and every day? For what do we as the church need to be thanking God? How can we thank our brothers and sisters who are Native American, Black, Brown, Yellow and white for the things we have today? All are precious in God's sight to quote a song that I learned as a child. How can we show God back our love all of creation – people, things, plants, animals, reptiles, insects (well, I draw the line with some animals and insects)? Think about these – thankfulness, love, grace, faith, forgiveness –Thanksgiving all in it together.

*Pastor Joanne Fitzgerald*



# Prayer Request

Members of the congregation who are in nursing, retirement facilities, or homebound:

Cindy Rudolph  
Patricia Neubert  
Doris Kemreit  
Hella Rollinger

Also include:

*Linda Strohmayr* (sister in law of Heidi Rivera), prayers for healing  
*MaryBeth Trafficante* (friend of Heidi Rivera), prayers for healing  
*Kathy Fournier* (friend of Loree Azzaretto), prayers for healing  
*Debbie Parisan*, prayers for healing  
*Mary Rusch*, prayers for healing  
*Barb Leindecker*, prayers for healing  
*Brian Pallohusky* (nephew of Karen Bucaro), prayers for safety and good health  
*Barbara Winter*, prayers for strength  
*Carol Chetty and Baby Aria*, prayers for good health and strength  
*Lillian Sangha*, prayers for strength as she finishes her clinicals and moves on to residency  
*Shirley Sangha*, prayers of encouragement  
*Mary Ellen Grism* (friend of Jan Vlcek), prayers for strength and healing  
*Lorraine (Wastel) Bone* (cousin of Karen Bucaro), prayers for recovery  
*Chris Long* (friend of Jan Vlcek), prayers for healing  
*Carol Clair* (sister of Rich Pfursich), prayers for healing  
*Nicky Salpietro* (son of Peggy Salpietro), prayers for good health  
*Anna Kirk* (friend of Richard Pfursich), prayers for healing  
*Beverly Venuso* (friend of Ron & Jan Vlcek), prayers for healing  
*John Blaul*, prayers for healing  
*John Skarkus* (brother in law of Frank & Karen Bucaro), prayers for healing  
*Patricia Ruttkay*, prayers for healing

*Karen-Jo Roll* (niece of Frank & Karen Bucaro), prayers for recovery after stroke  
*Joyce Nickiel* (friend of Ron & Jan Vlcek), prayers for healing  
*Anne Walker and Joanne Walker* (daughter of Anne), prayers for healing  
*Vern Stahl*, prayers for healing  
*Joe Brumtmyer*, prayers for healing  
*Russ & Lorraine Schuessler*, prayers for good health  
*Carl and Beverly Storz* (brother and sister in law of Lorraine), prayers of healing  
*Ruth Mehnert* (Anne Walker's niece), prayers for healing  
*Michael Keady* (friend of Lorraine Schuessler), prayers for healing  
*Shirley Bristow* (friend of Vern Stahl), prayers for healing  
*George Avent* (friend of Loree Azzaretto), pray for healing  
*Desiree Salpietro Gigl* (Peggy Salpietro's granddaughter), prayers for healing  
*Mary Hoenig* (friend of Jan Vlcek)  
*Phyllis Pappas* (friend of Loree Azzaretto), pray for healing  
*Jeff Kaplan*, friend of Ron & Jan Vlcek  
*Barbara Blezien* (Anne Walker's daughter), prayers for healing  
*Patti Pallohusky* (sister of Karen Bucaro)  
*Emery Grace Planz* (great-great niece of Karen and Frank Bucaro)



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If you wish to **ADD OR REMOVE** names, please so indicate and return to the church office.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Need \_\_\_\_\_  
Requested by: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Staff at Martin Luther**

Pastor The Rev. Joanne Fitzgerald  
Office Administrator Monica Pesole  
Sexton  
Music Director/Musician David Hildner

### **Church Council (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month)**

Richard Pfursich  
Ron Vlcek  
Jan Vlcek  
Heidi Rivera  
Lori Azzaretto  
Peggy Salpietro  
Pastor Joanne Fitzgerald

### **Appointed by Church Council**

Monica Pesole, Treasurer  
Ron Vlcek, Financial Secretary

### **Readers/Lectors**

Members of Martin Luther

### **Ushers**

Ron Vlcek  
Vern Stahl  
Richard Pfursich

### **Counter**

Ron Vlcek

**Sunday Morning Bible Study** - All Members  
of MLLC

### **Bible Bunch (Tuesdays at 9:30am)**

Pastor Joanne  
John Blaul  
Peggy Salpietro  
Virginia Gessler  
(All are invited to attend)

### **Altar Guild**

Loree Azzaretto

**WELCA** - All women of Martin Luther Church

### **Stewardship Committee**

Lisa Neubert  
Ron & Jan Vlcek  
Pat Ruttkay  
Peggy Salpietro  
Pastor Joanne

### **Worship and Music (usually 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month)**

David Hildner  
Pastor Joanne Fitzgerald  
You??

### **MLLC Mission Team**

Who will join us??

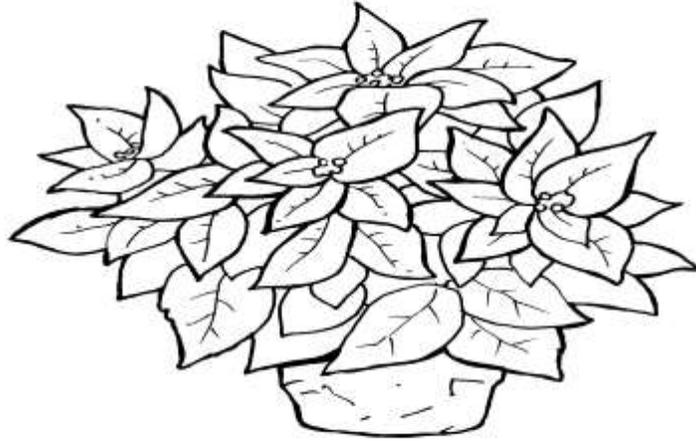




# November



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>All Saints Sunday 10:00 am Worship Did you change your clocks??</p>	2	<p>3</p> <p>9:30 am Bible Bunch</p>	4	5	<p>6</p> <p>7:00 pm Friends of Bill W.</p>	7
<p>8</p> <p>23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Bible Study</p>	9	<p>10</p> <p>9:30 am Bible Bunch</p>	11	12	<p>13</p> <p>7:00 pm Friends of Bill W.</p>	14
<p>15</p> <p>24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Church Council</p>	16	<p>17</p> <p>9:30 am Bible Bunch</p>	18	19	<p>20</p> <p>7:00 pm Friends of Bill W.</p>	21
<p>22</p> <p>Christ the King 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Bible Study</p>	23	<p>24</p> <p>9:30 am Bible Bunch</p>	25	<p>26</p>  <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>27</p> <p>7:00 pm Friends of Bill W.</p>	28
<p>29</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent 10:00 am Worship Tree is up and lit</p>	30					



## POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

Would you like to adorn the altar for Christmas? Poinsettias can be ordered today through December 8<sup>th</sup>. They can be picked up on Christmas Day following worship service. The cost of one poinsettia plant will be \$ 8.00. Please return order form, along with payment to the church office by December 8<sup>th</sup>, or you may place in collection basket at worship service. It may be early, but to save on the cost, we need to order early. Thank you.



NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF PLANTS \_\_\_\_\_ PAID \_\_\_\_\_ ck # or cash \_\_\_\_\_

### Pick your color

Standard Red \_\_\_\_\_ White \_\_\_\_\_ Jingle Bell \_\_\_\_\_

Winter Rose Red \_\_\_\_\_ Marble \_\_\_\_\_



# National Service Foundation

3725 Alexandria Pike • Cold Spring, KY 41076  
(859) 441-7300 • nsf@dav.org • www.nsf.dav.org

July 23, 2020

Martin Luther Lutheran Church of Chicago  
6850 W. Addison Street  
Chicago, IL 60634

Dear Martin Luther Lutheran Church of Chicago:

I am writing today to honor your exceptional generosity in support of America's ill and injured veterans. You stand among the most loyal friends of the veteran community — your patriotism and compassion are truly inspiring.

As of June 30, 2020, your gifts to the DAV National Service Foundation totaled \$1,000.00.

To mark this momentous achievement, I've asked that a **Commendation Plaque** be prepared to recognize you as part of the select group whose total giving to the Foundation has reached or surpassed \$1,000.00. Your plaque should arrive within the next six (6) to twelve (12) weeks.

I hope you'll display this honor proudly, where your friends, family, and associates can see it. This plaque signifies so much more than your monetary support. It represents the many brave men and women whose lives have been, and will be, forever changed for the better — all thanks to your incredible kindness.

In addition, your name will also be displayed on the Foundation's virtual wall at DAV National Headquarters and DAV National Service & Legislation Headquarters, as well as on our website, <http://nsf.dav.org/>, under Donors Top Honors.

With each contribution you make to the Foundation, you ensure that ill and injured veterans will always have access to DAV's vital, free services. You safeguard the futures of veterans from all eras — including our youngest heroes who are serving right now — fulfilling a promise that they will never have to fight alone in order to receive the benefits, care, and programs they earned through their noble sacrifices.

*If you decide not to accept the plaque, please contact our office by email at [nsf@dav.org](mailto:nsf@dav.org) or phone at 1-877-426-2838 Option 6, then press 1, by July 30, 2020 to cancel.*

Thank you, once again, for your continued support of the Foundation's work. Your selfless devotion is what keeps the DAV National Service Foundation strong for veterans and their families, always!

With Deep Appreciation,

ARTHUR H. WILSON  
President

AHW:bl



**HONOR FLIGHT CHICAGO**  
9701 W. Higgins Road, Suite 310  
Rosemont, IL 60018-4703  
773-227-VETS (8387)  
www.honorflightchicago.org

March 5, 2020

Martin Luther Church  
Rev. Joanne S. Fitzgerald  
6850 West Addison Street  
Chicago, IL 60634

Dear Reverend Fitzgerald:

On behalf of the entire Honor Flight Chicago organization, we would like to thank you and the members of the Martin Luther Church for your most generous donation. Your contribution will go a long way toward giving an additional deserving veteran his/her day of honor in Washington, D.C. and help Honor Flight Chicago continue our mission to:

**Honor. Thank. Inspire.**

We honor our veterans with an all-expense-paid, one-of-a-kind journey to Washington, D.C. We thank them for their service and their sacrifice. We inspire generations of Americans to realize the power of gratitude and respect. And in the process, we change lives.

Through continued funding and support such as yours, we will continue our mission until every WWII, Korean War and Vietnam War veteran has visited their memorial. Again, with deep appreciation, thank you!

With Gratitude,

Edna Ho and Doug Meffley  
Directors, Honor Flight Chicago

**AMOUNT: \$1,000.00**

**DATE: 2/25/2020**

**CHECK NUMBER: 22560**

**Note: Honor Flight Chicago is a 501(c)(3) organization (Tax ID 26-1978570). Your donation is fully deductible to the extent allowed by law. No goods or services were provided in exchange for the donation.**

**HONOR. THANK. INSPIRE.**



Leading the fight to stop seizures, find a cure, and overcome challenges created by epilepsy

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60602-3297

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TDD: 312.628.4770

March 2, 2020

Martin Luther Church  
6850 West Addison Street  
Chicago, IL 60634

Dear Martin Luther Church:

For 70 years, the Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Chicago has been providing the nearly 140,000 people living with epilepsy in the greater Chicagoland area with our programs and services. This support would not be possible without the kindness and generosity of our friends. Through your help, we have the opportunity to serve people living with epilepsy, as well as our entire community, and for that, we thank you.

Your donation of \$1,000.00 offers people living with epilepsy the chance to enjoy our free programs such as Camp Blackhawk, a weeklong retreat for kids with epilepsy, and Studio E, as well as utilize our counseling and case management, education and advocacy services.

Please retain this letter for your tax records as our official receipt of your donation, which is tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. No goods or services were provided in exchange for your financial donation. Again, thank you for your support of the Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Chicago.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bryan Anderson".

Bryan Anderson  
President and CEO



**PAWS**<sup>®</sup>  
**CHICAGO**  
PETS ARE WORTH SAVING

March 10, 2020

Martin Luther Lutheran Church  
Attn: Rev. Joanne Fitzgerald  
6850 W Addison St  
Chicago, IL 60634-3703

Dear Rev. Fitzgerald,

You helped save many lives!

Thank you for your generous gift of \$1,000.00 on February 28, 2020 to PAWS Chicago. Your donation is already hard at work supporting PAWS Chicago's lifesaving efforts.

From the dogs and cats in need of critical veterinary care receiving treatment at our Medical Center to the homeless pets united with a family that will give them the love they deserve through our Adoption Centers—you make it happen. Thank you.

That's not all. Your support also allows PAWS Chicago to continue providing free and low-cost spay/neuter surgeries in Chicago's most under-resourced neighborhoods. This program is key to continuing to reduce the number of homeless pets taken to Chicago Animal Care and Control.

You are making a difference in the lives of thousands of dogs and cats. Your compassion for homeless pets is advancing the No Kill movement that is spreading across Chicago and the nation.

Once again, my heartfelt thanks for your support. I am grateful to have you as a partner in this work.

Sincerely,



Meg Damato  
Assistant Director of Major and Planned Gifts

*Thank you!*

*No goods or services were received in exchange for this donation. PAWS Chicago is an exempt organization as described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; EIN 36-4219778.*

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## Donation check received

AJ

Albergo, Jaime <jaime.albergo@advocatehealth.com>

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Tue 3/3/2020 8:33 AM

You; Haglund, Mindy ✉

Good morning Pastor Joanne and MLC Congregation.

Thank you kindly for the \$1,000 donation. Those funds will benefit many frail older adults in our day program. On behalf of all of the staff at Advocate Older Adult Services, we extend our sincere appreciation for your generosity. Words cannot express our gratitude. We are beyond thankful!

With warmest regards,

Jaime Albergo, Coordinator  
Mindy Haglund, Site Manager



**Jaime Albergo, MSW, LCSW**

*Information and Resource Coordinator, Older Adult Services*

*Philips Lifeline Coordinator*

Advocate Lutheran General Hospital Outpatient Center

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# Advocate Charitable Foundation

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June 1, 2020

Martin Luther Lutheran Church  
6850 West Addison Street  
Chicago, IL 60634-3703

Dear Friends:

Thank you for your generous gift to Advocate Lutheran-General Hospital. Your gift will support Older Adult Services.

As a not-for-profit organization, Advocate Aurora Health relies on the generosity of donors like you to expand, accelerate and support a wide variety of programs and services – many of which would not be possible without philanthropy.

Thank you, again, for your thoughtful support!

Sincerely,

Randy A. Varju, FAHP, CFRE  
President, Advocate Aurora Health Foundations  
Chief Development Officer, Advocate Aurora Health

PS: To discover more ways your gift is making a difference, visit our website,  
<https://advocategiving.org>.

Advocate Health Care is a not-for-profit health care provider and a national leader in efforts to improve the quality of health care. No goods or services were provided in exchange for your contribution. Your donation of \$1,000.00, with receipt amount of \$1,000.00, dated 5/28/2020, with a Business Check to Advocate Charitable Foundation is tax deductible to the full extent allowed by law. Please keep this letter as documentation of your charitable contribution.



# Maryville

Caring for Children. Strengthening Families.

Executive Director, Sr. Catherine M. Ryan, O.S.F.

September 18, 2019

Rev. Joanne Fitzgerald  
Martin Luther Church  
1804 N 72nd CT  
Chicago, IL 60634

Dear Rev Fitzgerald,

"A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed."  
- Proverbs

Thank you for your generous support of the Maryville Center for Children through your donation of children's clothes.

Your kindness whether in the form of financial, material or prayer makes a positive difference in the lives of the children impacted by the programs at Maryville. With your help, we are able to house, feed, educate and care for an entire generation of children in need.

On behalf of the children and families served by Maryville every year, I thank you for joining us in this important effort.

Peace and all good,

*Sister Catherine M. Ryan O.S.F.*

Sr. Catherine M. Ryan, O.S.F.  
Executive Director

*Thank you, Rev. Fitzgerald,  
for your care for our children.*

This letter will serve as a receipt that the above-mentioned donation was received as an outright gift. No goods, services or privileges were exchanged in return for this donation. Maryville Academy is an authorized charitable organization under Internal Revenue Service provision 501(c)(3). Your contribution is tax-deductible to the full extent of the law. Thank you.

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Archdiocese of Chicago



**With SHOES no one goes hungry!**



**St. Cyprian Food Pantry NEEDS YOU!!**

“No one should go hungry”, this is our mission and we need **YOUR** help!!!

We are reaching out to the community. The pantry continues to serve our clients, providing them with fresh produce, fresh dairy, meat and bread.

We are collecting new or gently used wearable shoes to raise funds for the pantry AND help families and individuals in third-world countries become successful business owners.

**Drop Off Location:**

**St. Cyprian Food Pantry**

**6535 W Irving Park Rd**

**Chicago IL 606034**

**Donation Days and Times:**

**Mondays and Thursdays 9am-11am**

**Wednesdays 10am-12pm**