

# CENTRAL LUTHERAN MESSENGER

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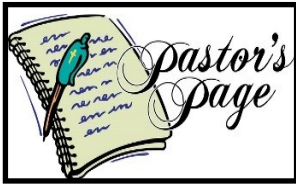
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Thanks



**December Messenger Deadline is**  
**November 25, 2022**

Please e-mail your articles to  
Central Lutheran Church

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Pastors often hear comments from congregations that “politics have no place in church”. This is, at best, a half-truth. When I hear such comments, it sounds to me like the person making the comment is confusing “partisan” with “political”. Of course, partisanship has no place in the church. But as people of God, politics should be no stranger to us. Politics brings up many topics and issues that followers of Jesus should, and need to, discuss, like justice and homelessness and abortion and homosexuality. What does scripture tell us about social issues? What does Jesus have to say?

In the church, back in the day we used to say that we are “in” the world but not “of” it. The older I get and the more congregations I serve with, the more I understand that this statement is not only untrue, but it’s wrong, as well, because in reality, both are true for us: we are in the world, yes, but we also are of the world. God has created us literally from the dust of the earth, a state to which we will return as we say on Ash Wednesday. Moreover, we are influenced and shaped by our culture and our experiences. We certainly are of the world. God created the world and placed humans in it, to live together in relationship with each other and with God, and to steward all of creation. We are both of the world and in the world.

The words “politic” and “political” acknowledge the fact that we live in a community—the *polis* (in Greek Πόλις). *Polis* in Greek means “city” and once was used to refer specifically to a city-state that no longer exists. Later, it came to mean the body of citizens under a city’s or government’s jurisdiction. Christians are members of the *polis* just like any other citizens. We also are citizens of God’s kingdom, members of God’s family, heirs of Jesus Christ.

Of course, all of the above social issues and many more are of concern to citizens of the community because all of these issues and more effect the population’s collective life in some way. Because those who follow Jesus have dual citizenship, social issues are, or should be, important to us. Throughout scripture, God tells us how important communities are, both the faith community and the *polis*. Faith communities are called to seek justice for citizens of the *polis* who are poor and homeless, hated and marginalized. Our baptismal covenant sends us into the world for the sake of the world. The church does not exist for the sake of the church, or for the church’s “members”

but exists for the sake of the world. Our work in the world is to proclaim God's love and salvation, and also to help God repair the earth and work to bring justice to those who are poor and disadvantaged.

Central's council recently held a short retreat to talk about who Central is and who Central wants to be as a congregation. I invite you to ask a council member about it. Those attending were given a list of issues and topics that can be perceived as difficult for people in a faith community to talk about. Some can be perceived as difficult for the *polis* to deal with, too. Talking about some of these topics, such as homosexuality, might cause some people to be uncomfortable or anxious or even angry. This doesn't mean that, as people of faith, we should not talk about such things. We can't ignore the needs of the people around us; they won't go away if we ignore them. It's also important to remember that people are connected to every topic that we might perceive as difficult, in the same way that people are connected to budgetary items. This means that people are affected by increases and decreases in a budget, and people also are affected by the community—both faith and *polis*—talking or not talking about hard things.

Jesus does not call us to be comfortable. Jesus calls us to follow him, and every Pentecost season we learn from Jesus himself what it means for us to be his disciples. Faith is neither comfortable nor easy, and it's not meant to be either. Faith is meant to challenge us so that we change and grow into the person whom God wants us to be, the person into whom God promises to shape us through baptism. Remember, too, that Jesus was political. He challenged the conventional wisdom, the unwritten rules, and the traditions of his own time in order to minister to people. He didn't shy away from what might have been difficult situations or conversations. Centered in God, he made it clear that people and relationships were most important—to him and to his father. Jesus can teach us, and we can grow in faith, when we are open to him.

Peace to you all, Pastor Anderson



Fall hit this valley quickly this year! One day, I was swimming in our pool and then not 3 days later I was looking for socks and long pants! I hate the transition into winter - wearing sandals in nice weather really makes me happy. I am wrapping up my year as CLC's Council President. I've watched us make changes at church. Some have gone over like me and my sandals. Some were easy and painless. The committees I am part of have lost some of our favorite friends, and we continue to lead using what they taught us.

Our annual congregational meeting is coming up towards the end of the month, and we have big things to work on. Ron Burkhardt and I are still seeking council members who want to serve, not just seat fillers, but people ready to step up and help lead us forward. We await news our Call Committee is ready to suggest a pastor for us, but while we wait we much continue to fulfill the promises we made at our confirmations. Endowment Committee is a great way to serve, we need people willing to run for those positions. And we need at least two people to become next year's Nominating Committee. I urge you to keep praying. Listen to what God is telling you. Use the filter of "will it matter in a year" - it might! Or it might not.

Did you know that in snowboarding, you're taught to look where you want to go? If your head is turned to the place you want to go, your board will take you there. Church is very much like this - where do we want to be in three years? We will be ready for our 100-year anniversary. Are we facing forward? Or are we looking sideways, or worse, backward? No one likes to think about budgets, but is our budget supporting our ministries, or is it holding things back? Sometimes the best work comes out of the tightest budgets. Are we ready to change with our world into a place where online church is becoming as typical as in-person, and if so, how do we connect with those we've never met? I don't have answers for you but I know we can find them together! Come join us in an elected position or on a committee. I want your input!

Melissa Christianson



# Annual Meeting

Please join us for the Annual Meeting  
November 20th, 2022!

Worship will be at 10:00am with the meeting  
following directly after.

Youth & Family will have a lunch in the  
Fellowship Hall following the meeting as a  
fundraiser for Youth Winter Retreat.



# **WANTED!**

## **LOOKING FOR**

**Men or women members of CLC  
who are interested in positions  
involving management,  
community development,  
finance, and future growth.**

## **PLEASE JOIN THE CHURCH COUNCIL**

**Please contact  
Melissa Christianson or  
Ron Burkhardt**

### *Mission Statement (What we do):*

Central Lutheran Church is a **WELCOMING** and **CARING** community of faith reaching out in service to others to meet the needs of our neighbors locally and globally.

### *Vision Statement (Desired End-state):*

Our congregation is committed to seeking and welcoming diversity as we reach beyond our boundaries to our larger community through faith, fellowship, and in service to others.

**Serving on your Congregation Council – what you can expect and what is expected of you!**

Election to a Congregation Council carries with it the respect and trust of the congregation. The value of your willingness to make a contribution to the life of the congregation is significant and appreciated. By saying “yes” you agree to give your time, expertise, enthusiasm, and energy. Saying yes to this responsibility brings some basic duties.

**Congregation Council member**

Be a member in good standing of the congregation, regularly attending worship services and be involved in congregational life.

Attend all meetings of the council.

Come to council meetings well prepared. Review notes from previous meeting, read reports and prepare questions.

Attempt to discover, through prayer and discernment, what is best for the congregation.

Consider the well-being of the council when dealing with specific issues and ministries.

Treat all matters relating to council deliberations as confidential, until such time as the information is determined a matter of public record.

Ministry is mutual. Pastor and council work together, shaping the ministry of the congregation in partnership.

Assist the pastor in nurturing the spiritual life of the congregation.

Care for the congregation’s membership.

Ensure that the decisions of the congregation are carried out.

Be a part of a united body by supporting all decisions of the council, even if you do not agree with the decision.

Treat members of the council, pastor, staff and congregation as sisters and brothers in Christ.

Be familiar with the governing documents of the congregation.

Be a leadership presence in the congregation.

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Election to a Congregation Council is a privilege and a trust not to be taken lightly. It is a call to leadership, to walk with the pastor, guided by the Holy Spirit, to tell the story of Jesus Christ to the congregation and the world. It is a call to let go of personal desires for the sake of building up the Body of Christ. It is an opportunity to develop leadership skills, deepen relationships, and grow in faith.

# FALL CRAFT BAZAAR



SATURDAY  
NOVEMBER 12TH, 2022

9AM-3PM

*Presented by Central Lutheran Church*





On **Saturday November 12th during the Bazaar and Sunday November 13th**, the beautiful quilts that the Piecemakers group has been working on all year will be on display in the Sanctuary. You will have the opportunity to purchase a quilt to give as a gift for Christmas or for yourself to snuggle under on the coming cold winter nights. The quilts that are not sold will be given to many help organizations throughout the community. All proceeds from the sale of the quilts will go back into purchasing supplies such as batting, backing, and whatever else is needed to make more quilts. Many thanks to all of the dedicated quilters of the Piecemakers group. They all give many hours a month to this wonderful ministry.



“God’s work. Our hands.”



**God’s Work. Our hands will continue!**  
**This should be more than one day a year.**

Now we are collecting socks for the homeless for Advent. It can be men, women, or children items. For now the collection is in the entry way by the office.



Artina Callan

God bless you,  
Marilyn C.

Give your burdens to the Lord.  
He will carry them.  
-Psalm 55:22

Thank you  
& God Bless  
The Wilsons

We are  
singing with  
You!

Took one for  
a friend.  
Thank you,  
Pat

8 shawls given out  
and 8 smiles  
received! Barb

Barb Beehler  
took the Prayer  
Shawls from  
God's Work  
Sunday to  
Poderosa and  
Chesterley.  
Everyone  
enjoyed them!

God Bless you  
Margaret & John  
Wilson

Janice M Wilson

In Love & Prayers  
Beehler

We are  
sending  
you a great,  
big hug!

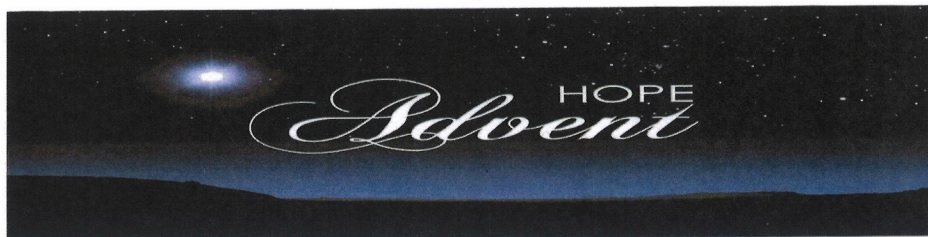
This is the day the Lord has made.  
We will rejoice and be glad in it.  
-Psalm 118:24

Much appreciated,  
Lillian S.

Love,  
Haley Bless you!  
Jill

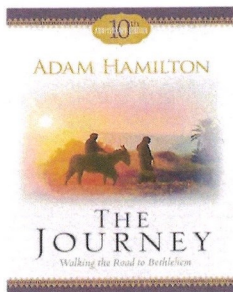
7 shawls taken at Poderosa  
and left 1 for staff to  
distribute. You make them happy!  
Barb

Christ Lutheran Church would like to invite every one to join them for 4 Wednesday Advent book studies at noon.



In *The Journey*, Adam Hamilton travels from Nazareth to Bethlehem in a fascinating look at the birth of Jesus Christ. As he did with Jesus' crucifixion in *24 Hours That Changed the World*, Hamilton once again approaches a world-changing event with thoughtfulness.

Using historical information, archaeological data, and a personal look at some of the stories surrounding the birth, the most amazing moment in history will become more real and heart-felt as you walk along this road.



The worship and music committee has chosen to use this book as our 2022 Advent Service. Beginning on November 30th, please join us for the **four Wednesdays of Advent at noon** to view a short video vignette of Mr. Hamilton retracing the actual path of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem, along with the accompanying chapter. Books are available at the office. Donations of \$13.00 for the book would be appreciated.







- 3rd Paul Gonseth
- 4th Arianna Nygard, Donald Having
- 7th Terrie Dreisbach
- 10th Ed Schafer
- 11th Mackenzie Bond
- 15th Chris Steinhilb
- 16th Ann Reierson, Chet Hausken
- 18th Trina Good
- 20th Greg Huylar, Barbara Rutherford,  
John Durels
- 23rd Lela Hansen, Kristy Larson
- 26th Rondi Marsh
- 27th Maria Monroy, Victor Tarr
- 28th Brooks Robey
- 30th Randal Town






- 9th Melissa and Scott Falk
- 11th Brett and Brittany Valicoff
- 12th John and Karen Baken
- 21st Brad and Melissa Christtianson
- 23rd James and Karen Bodeen

# November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<p><b>Reminder:</b>  <b>Daylight Savings Ends</b>  <b>November 6th</b>  <b>Set clocks back 1 hour!</b></p>		<p><b>1</b>            10:00 a Bible Study            3:00 p 'On the Corner'</p>
<p><b>6 All Saints</b>            9:00 am HOLY COMMUNION            11:00 am WORSHIP SERVICE</p>  <p><i>All Saints' Day</i></p>	<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>8</b>            10:00 a Bible Study            3:00 p 'On the Corner'</p>
<p><b>13 Quilt Sunday</b>            8:15 am CHOIR            9:00 am HOLY COMMUNION            10:00 am CHOIR            11:00 am WORSHIP SERVICE</p> 	<p><b>14</b>            6:00 p Property Committee</p>	<p><b>15</b>            10:00 a Bible Study            3:00 p 'On the Corner'</p>
<p><b>20 Christ The King</b>            8:15 am CHOIR            10:00 am WORSHIP SERVICE            11:00 am ANNUAL MEETING            12:00 am LUNCH SERVED</p>  <p><b>Annual Meeting</b></p>	<p><b>21</b></p>	<p><b>22</b>            10:00 a Bible Study</p>
<p><b>27 1st Advent</b>            8:15 am CHOIR            9:00 am HOLY COMMUNION            11:00 am WORSHIP SERVICE</p>  <p>1ST SUNDAY @ Advent</p>	<p><b>28</b></p>	<p><b>29</b>            10:00 a Bible Study            3:00 p 'On the Corner'</p>

# 2022

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday/Saturday
<b>2</b> 4:00 p Youth Group	<b>3</b> 9:00 a Piecemakers 3:00 p 'On the Corner' 6:30p Handbell Choir 7:30 p Choir	<b>4</b>
		<b>5</b>
<b>9</b> 4:00 p Youth Group	<b>10</b> 3:00 p 'On the Corner' 6:30p Handbell Choir 7:30 p Choir	<b>11</b>  Veteran's Day
		<b>12</b>  FALL CRAFT BAZAAR
<b>16</b> 11:00 a OTC Meeting 4:00 p Youth Group	<b>17</b> 9:00 a Piecemakers 3:00 p 'On the Corner'	<b>18</b>
		<b>19</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>  Thanksgiving DAY	<b>25</b> Office Closed
		<b>26</b>
<b>30</b> 4:00 p Youth Group 6:30p Handbell Choir 7:30 p Choir		

Thank you to the Youth Group for cleaning the pews in the Sanctuary. Wednesday October 12th the Youth removed all the cushions to clean under them and oiled the pews. Then they dusted the floor.







OTC Enrichment Program students used STEM architecture concepts to figure out ways to build bridges that would span the gaps between the tables in the Family Room.





OTC celebrated with fall games and Halloween candy. Even the volunteers, Manny and Brandon, raced for donuts.



## Central Lutheran Church Hosting Freedom Kits Work Party

November 19<sup>th</sup>, a Saturday, Central Lutheran will be hosting a work party for Freedom Kits from 10am until 3pm. We will be packing kits to be sent to Kenya...300 kits!!

Freedom Kits, a Non-Profit, previously known in the Yakima area as Days for Girls kits, are reusable hygiene kits with supplies that women can use during their menstruation periods. Some of the items needed are sewn by members at Central Lutheran Church. Other groups also contribute to the kit with purchases and sewn items.

On Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, workers are needed to assemble kits ...if interested in joining us, please contact Kirsten Monick or Mary Johnson...

### **This is a list of where Freedom Kits have been sent in 2022:**

**March:** 140 to Kenya, boarding school to help 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls stay in school, 250 kits to Central America and Peru, 10800 pads to Mail, 72 kits to Romania for Ukrainian refugees, 800 kits to Ukraine

**April:** 200 kits to Cameroon schoolgirls, 300 pads and 150 guards (they hold the pads in place) to schoolgirls.

**May:** 250 drawstring cotton bags to Nigeria.

**June:** 750 kits to Guatemala, Peru, Mexico and the Amazon

**July:** 210 kits to Guatemala mountain villages with a medical mission, 300 pads to Nigeria schoolgirls, 84 kits to Papua New Guinea, 74 kits to Dominican Republic.

**September:** 40 kits to Farmworkers Clinic in Toppenish and Granger, 200 kits to Philippine schools for homeless girls to help them get in and stay in school.

**October:** 70 kits to Guyana remote villages with medical mission, 70 kits to Malawi for school in refugee camp.

**December:** 70 kits to Coban Guatemala school for homeless girls living in the largest garbage dump in Central America.

**NOVEMBER: 300 KITS FOR RURAL SCHOOLS IN Kenya!!!!**

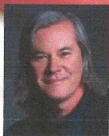


Canticus  
Vocal  
Ensemble

# Songs of Hope

Featuring original works  
commissioned by Canticus Vocal Ensemble

Composed by  
Vijay Singh  
Daniel Schreiner  
Chris Wallitner



**4:00 p.m. Sunday,  
Nov. 13, 2022**

**Englewood Christian Church  
511 N. 44th Ave., Yakima**

\$20.00 for General Admission

\$5.00 for Students

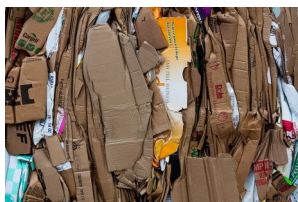
**More information at [Yakimacanticus.com](http://Yakimacanticus.com)**

Central Lutheran Choir members in the  
Ensemble are Anne and Jeff Chapman,  
John Svendsen, Bart Roderick,  
and Jane Peterson.



Treasurer's Report		September 30, 2022			
Financial results thru					
	Offerings/income		Expenses by major category		
	September	Year to date	September	September	Year to date
General fund	18,074.10	221,040.47	Salaries & benefits	19,185.50	170,868.17
Building Usage	165.00	1,310.00	Youth & Family	957.22	5,954.82
other income	-	276.59	Worship	569.11	4,378.08
Transfers			Hospitality	(228.00)	1,336.67
from endowment fund		75,934.25	Stewardship/Church in Society	6,000.00	38,844.00
from money market	705.00		Property	4,431.59	102,408.34
Gertie Hein - Visitation		-	Office	2,028.57	12,479.37
Total	18,944.10	298,561.31	Total	32,943.99	336,269.45
	September 2022		operating loss, net of transfers	\$ (14,704.89)	
			net loss	\$ (13,999.89)	
		Year to date	operating income, net of transfers		\$ (113,642.39)
			net loss		\$ (37,708.14)

# CHURCH IN SOCIETY



Caring for Creation:

Paper: Success in the Recycling World!

As we have previously pointed out, recycling plastic is sort of wishful thinking, unfortunately. On a more positive note, recycling paper is a real success story. First of all paper is one of the materials most often recycled. If you measured recycled material by weight, paper would account for almost half of recycled products.

Last year more than 50 million tons of paper were recycled which is a 68% recycling rate.

During 2021, additionally almost 94% of cardboard was recycled. About half of recycled paper goes to make cardboard boxes. In our area that is a huge resource with cardboard's usefulness in fruit packing.

Paper can actually be reused up to 7 times. That is great news as it saves trees as well as space in our landfills. Keep up the good work with the paper recycling. It is working!



Camp Hope

A BIG thanks to Julie Rottman for coordinating the October Camp Hope dinner. Thanks as well to her helpers, Caroline Sundquist, Patti Pruitt, Manny Ramirez, Bruce Willis, Karen and Jim Bodeen, Soren and Ezra Rottman. They served bread, homemade by Julie, vegetable soup, and brownies.



Jeff Hagen, is pictured (on right) as he sets a new World Record for 48-hour runners ages 75 and older. Jeff ran 166.96 miles in the World Championship 48-Hour Race in Hainesport, NJ. He eclipsed the old record by 6 miles and finished in 6th place overall and 3rd American overall in a field of 47. Congrats, Jeff!



Phyllis Gillihan (Ponderosa)  
Chet Hausken (Landmark)  
Art Ries (Livingcare)  
Toni Perschke (Brookdale)  
Betty Douglas (Moxee)  
Wilma Aspevig (Lives with daughter)  
Doris Benish (Orchard Park)  
Marie Halverson (Yakima)  
Kyle Dixon (Yakima)  
Elaine Bueling (Covenant House)  
Joanne Puyear (Arbor House)  
Carol Nelson (Texas)  
Greg Bainter (Yakima)  
Tim Schulz (Yakima)  
Dave Desmarais (Ria Desmarais' Husband Good Sam)  
Donald Breshears (Anne Chapman's Dad)  
Barbara Breshears (Anne Chapman's Mom)  
Chris DeMonbrun (Friend of Anne Chapman)  
Mickael Benson (Heart)  
Don Adams (Toni Lynn Adam's Grandpa in Cowiche)  
Lindsey Nelson (Naches)  
Kai Perala (Norma's Grandson)  
Eunice Koeppel (Sun Tower)



**PLEASE CONTACT BARB BEEHLER IF YOU WOULD  
LIKE TO BE A MEMBER OF THE PRAYER CHAIN**

## CHRISTMAS ANGELS No. P.C. 9465

SIZES: 9 inches, 6 inches and 4 inches high.

Materials: For 9-inch size: COATS & CLARK'S O.N.T. "SPEED-CRO. SHEEN" MERCERIZED COTTON, Art. C. 44; 1 ball of No. 1 White. Milwards Steel Crochet Hook No. 2/0 (double zero).

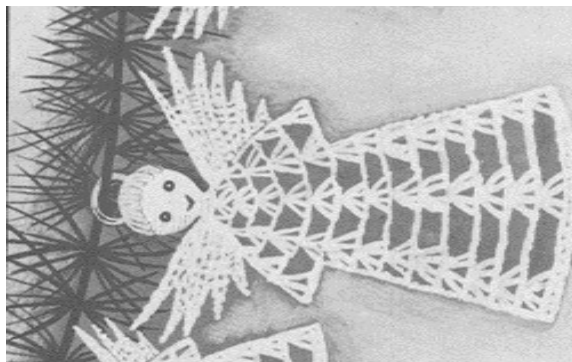
For 6-inch size: J. & P. COATS "KNIT-CRO-SHEEN", Art. A. 64; 1 ball of No. 1 White.

Milwards Steel Crochet Hook No. 7.

For 4-inch size: J. & P. COATS BIG BALL BEST SIX CORD MERCERIZED CROCHET, Art. A. 104, Size 30; 1 ball of White.

Milwards Steel Crochet Hook No. 10.

Small amount yellow yarn; beads or colored thread for eyes and mouth; ring for halo.



thread over and draw through all loops on hook (a dec), sc in next 5 sc (10 sc). Do not join. 7th and 8th rnds: Sc in each sc around. At end of last rnd, sl st in next sc.

**BODY** . . . 1st rnd: Ch 3; in same place as sl st make dc, ch 2 and 2 dc (Shell made); \* ch 1, skip next sc; in next sc make 2 dc, ch 2 and 2 dc (another shell). Repeat from \* around, ending with ch 1. Join (5 shells). 2nd rnd: Sl st to sp of first shell; in same sp make dc, (ch 2 and 2 dc) twice (double shell); \* ch 2; in sp of next shell make 2 dc, (ch 2 and 2 dc) twice (another double shell). Repeat from \* around, ending with ch 2. Join. 3rd rnd: Sl st to first sp, \* shell in first sp of double shell, ch 2, shell in next sp, ch 2, skip next sp. Repeat from \* around. Join (10 shells). 4th rnd: Sl st to first sp, shell in same sp (shell made over shell), ch 2, \* shell over shell, ch 2. Repeat from \* around. Join. 5th rnd: \* Shell over shell, ch 3. Repeat from \* around. Join. 6th and 7th rnds: \* Shell over shell, ch 4. Repeat from \* around. Join.

8th rnd: \* (Shell over shell, ch 4) twice, shell over shell, ch 1, skip the next 2 shells. Repeat from \* once more. Join (6 shells). 9th and 10th rnds: \* Shell over shell, ch 5. Repeat from \* around. Join. Work 4 more rnds, making ch-6 on 11th and 12th rnds and ch-7 on 13th and 14th rnds. 15th rnd: Sc in each dc and ch around. Sl st in first sc. Break off.

**RIGHT WING** . . . Ch 24. 1st row: Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next ch, half dc in next 2 ch, dc in next 19 ch (one feather made). Ch 1, turn. 2nd and all even rows: Skip first st, sc in front loop of each st to within last 2 dc. Ch 5, turn. 3rd row: Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next ch, half dc in next 2 ch; working in back loops, dc in first 6 sc, sc in each remaining sc across (another feather made). Ch 1, turn. Repeat 2nd and 3rd rows 3 times more (5 feathers). At end of last row, do not turn, make 5 sc evenly along inner edge of wing to starting chain. Break off.

**LEFT WING** . . . Work as for Right Wing, working in back loops on 2nd row and in front loops on 3rd row.

Sew wings in place. Keeping the head dry, starch stiffly. Make hair with yellow yarn. Sew on beads, or embroider eyes and mouth. Color face lightly with face powder. Sew on halo.

## ABBREVIATIONS

ch . . . . . chain sl st . . . . . slip stitch  
sc . . . single crochet sp . . . . . space  
half dc . . . . . half st . . . . . stitch  
double crochet rnd . . . . . round  
dc . . . double crochet dec . . . . . decrease  
\*(asterisk)—Repeat the instructions following the asterisk as many times as specified.

Repeat instructions in parentheses as many times as specified. For example: "(Ch 5, sc in next sc) 5 times" means to make all that is in parentheses 5 times in all.

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Happy  
Thanksgiving

A central illustration featuring a large, orange pumpkin with a green stem. To its right are several stalks of golden wheat. Below the pumpkin are several autumn leaves in shades of red, orange, and yellow.