

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Matthew 25:1-13

“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

*This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!*



Our mission project for November and December will be Nativitas, a soup kitchen in downtown Brussels. This year because of the Covid pandemic and resulting restrictions, Nativitas has different needs.

They are concentrating more specifically on the homeless. Currently Nativitas hands out free take-away packages consisting of fresh soup, a sandwich, and a drink, to approximately 90 people, five days a week.

What they most urgently need:

- **Ground coffee**
- **Sugar cubes**
- **Individual drinks (small juice boxes, cecemel, soda cans, etc.)**

So this year, we will limit our collection to these 3 items only. Please do not bring fresh food or other non-perishable items. Also, please check the expiration dates!

We realize that your time spent shopping should be kept to a minimum because of the current situation. However, if and when you do go grocery shopping, or if you order on-line, please consider purchasing a few of these items.

If church services resume by the end of November, you may bring your donations at that time. In either case, a drop-off session will also be organized at church on Sat. Nov.28 and Dec.12. More details on the time will follow.

We are also collecting financial donations for Nativitas during these 2 months, which will be used to help purchase the fresh food used to prepare soup and sandwiches. This is equally important. We thank you for your generosity, knowing that these are difficult times for all. God loves a cheerful giver, and no contribution is too small. Together we can make such a difference.

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