



# Joy to the World

Joy Lutheran Church, Richmond, Tx

November 2011

## Happy Thanksgiving



November 2011  
Reformation/All Saints

### Nothing or Everything?

Meekness, humility...words used infrequently in our age, if at all, in any complimentary fashion, and yet, what words are more appropriate, are there any words with greater strength than these words? Consider this reflection from A.W. Tozer (1897-1945)...

*"Jesus call us to His rest, and meekness is His method. The meek man care not at all who is greater than he, for he has long ago decided that the esteem of the world is not worth the effort. He develops toward himself a kindly sense of humor and learns to say, 'Oh, so you have been overlooked? They have placed someone else before you? They have whispered that you are pretty small stuff after all? And now you feel hurt because the world is saying about you the very things you have been saying about yourself? Only yesterday you were telling God that you were nothing, a mere worm of the dust. Where is your consistency? Come on, humble yourself, and cease to care what men think.'*

*"The meek man is not a human mouse afflicted with a sense of his own inferiority. Rather he may be in his moral life as bold as a lion and as strong as Samson; but he has stopped being fooled about himself. He has accepted God's estimate of his own life. He knows he is as weak and helpless as God has declared him to be, but paradoxically, he knows at the same time that he is in the sigh of God of more importance than angels. In himself, nothing; in God, everything."*

Have we stopped fooling ourselves, yet? Really? What might God in Christ truly accomplish in us, individually and collectively as His people of Joy, if we simply stopped fooling ourselves, and began living in the six simple words with which Tozer concluded:

***In him/herself, nothing; in God, everything?***

*—Ol' Gray Slim!*



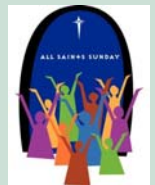
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### ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

November 6th

On All Saints' we remember those who have been called from the Church Militant to the Church Triumphant during the past year. A sign up sheet is in the Narthex.



**REMEMBER DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS ON NOVEMBER 6<sup>th</sup>!!**

Turn your clocks back Saturday night!



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### PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

Prepare for worship each Sunday by reading through the assigned lesson prior to worship. Take some time to pray and reflect upon what God might be seeking to say to you in worship.

November readings are listed below by date:

**ALL SAINTS**  
*November 6*

Amos 5:18-24 or Wisdom 6:12-16  
Psalm 70 (5)  
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18  
Matthew 25:1-13

**CHRIST THE KING**  
*November 20*

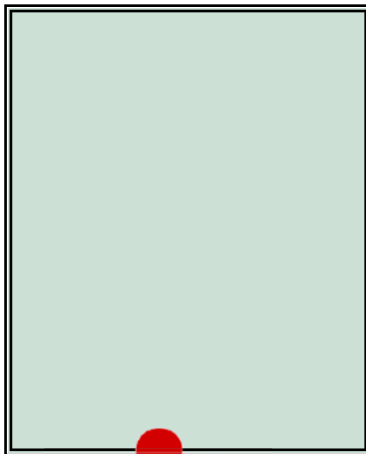
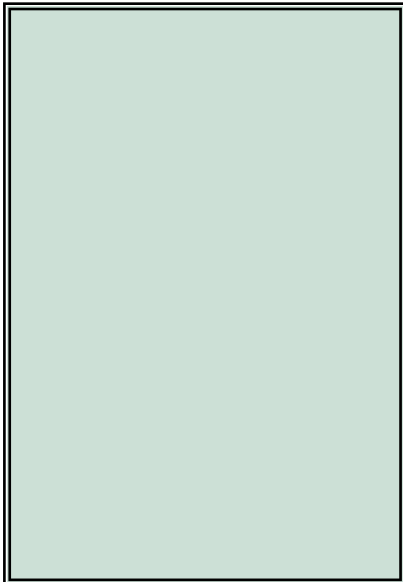
Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24  
Psalm 95:1-7a (7)  
Ephesians 1:15-23  
Matthew 25:31-46

**PENTECOST 22**  
*November 13*

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18  
Psalm 90:1-8[9-11]12 (12)  
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11  
Matthew 25:14-30

**ADVENT 1**  
*November 27*

Isaiah 64:1-9  
Psalm 80:1-7,17-19 (7)  
1 Corinthians 1:3-9  
Mark 13:24-37




**NOVEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

Kevin & Amy Loewe	11/2	9 yrs
Matt & Katrina Lyons	11/6	12 yrs
Mike & June Meyer	11/8	36 yrs
Walt & Loretta Mueller	11/11	60 yrs
Mark & Fran Walquist	11/18	16 yrs
Chris & Marilyn Blaschke	11/20	29 yrs

- THANK YOU LETTERS WERE RECEIVED FROM:**
- **Helping Hands** for your donation of \$416.00 and your support of their general operations.
  - **Lutherhill** for your recent gift of \$490.00 and your year-to-date gifts totaling \$4,902.00
  - **Big Heart Orphanage** for your continued support and prayers.

**MINISTRY NOTES & EVENTS**



**FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY**

Joy is hosting a second thirteen-week session of the "Financial Peace University" beginning Sunday, January 8th 6-8 p.m. Cost is \$100/family which includes all class materials and tools (discounted from \$199) You do not have to attend Dave Ramsey Live to participate in these informative classes.

In 13 action packed lessons, you'll learn how to beat debt, build wealth, find bargains, invest for the future, give like never before, and much more! For information go to [daveramsey.com](http://daveramsey.com).

A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex or contact the office at [www.office@joyrichmond.org](mailto:www.office@joyrichmond.org) or 281-762-3310.

**VIA DE CRISTO**

"The Way of Christ" retreat for healthy Christians looking for enrichment is scheduled for 2012 at Cathedral Oaks in Weimer, TX as follows:

Men's Weekend - Jan 19-22  
Women's Weekend - Feb 9-12

For more information contact Pr. Dick & Darleen Kastner, Becky Ohm, Milton & Jeanette Richards, Bill & Denyse Bray or Darin & Melody Mielke.

**SOCIAL MINISTRY TEAM MEETING**

Our monthly team meeting will be held on Thursday, November 17th. Everyone is welcome to join this worthwhile ministry. For information contact Laura Cabato.



**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

Men's Bible Study meets on Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. All men are invited to participate! Contact Mike Meyer for additional information.

**COOKING WITH JOY, Vol. 4**



Now on sale for \$10 each. They will be available for purchase through Eva or Kimberley Randel. We want to thank everyone for submitting their recipes and hope you will enjoy the cookbook as much as we enjoyed putting it together!

**OROMO CHURCH CELEBRATION**

Sunday, November 6th 4:00 p.m.

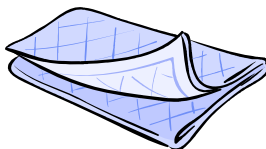
Installation service of Kamiso Boru as Pastor at the Oromo Christian Fellowship in Houston by the Rev. Dr. Gemechis Buba. The church is located at W. Bellfort Avenue and Braes Forest Drive, Houston

For more info. check the toolkit.



**BEARS, BLANKETS & BOOKS  
"A Cozy Little Christmas"**

Social Ministry will once again participate in the Annual Bears, Blankets & Books for the Fort Bend Family Health Center. We will collect Bears, Blankets and Books through the month of November. A collection basket will be located in the Narthex.



By the grace of God and the call of the church,

Marilyn J. Larsen  
will be ordained

to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament  
in Christ's one, holy, catholic, and apostolic  
Church

on Saturday, the fifth day of November  
in the year of our Lord  
two thousand and eleven

at two o'clock in the afternoon  
at St. Stephens Lutheran Church  
619 Lang Road, Portland, Texas  
the Reverend Norm Sulaica, presiding.

Your prayers are requested.

## Christmas Progressive Dinner Saturday December 17, 2011

Please sign up if you are interested in joining us for A Christmas Progressive Dinner, We will need 3 host houses, for Salad/Appetizer, then on to the Main Course then on to Dessert, So if you are interested in being a host house please sign up in the Narthex. We are looking forward to starting up this tradition again so we can enjoy, great food, great fellowship and a wonderful time had by all.

Any questions, please contact the church office or Tammy Soward.

More information to follow in the December Newsletter.  
Tammy Soward, JoyLife



*May Christmas touch your heart with Joy!*

### SAVE THE DATES Annual Congregational Meeting!

On Sunday, Dec. 4th we will hold our Annual Congregational meeting, Part 1.

- We will act on the 2012 Ministry Spending Guide.
- Possible new Congregational Constitution.
- Ratification of NALC Convocation decisions.
- Election of Leaders.

The meeting will begin at Noon.

The Annual Meeting, Part 2 will be held on Sunday, January 29th at Noon.



I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds. PSALM 9:1

### UPCOMING LUTHERHILL EVENTS!

Nov 4-6	Fall Family Retreat
Nov 18-20	Jr. High Retreat
Dec 2-3 & 9-10	Grades 3-6 Advent Retreats
Jan 27-29	Mother Daughter Retreat
Feb 3-5	Lutherhill Book Club
Feb 17-19	Sr. High Retreat

Visit their website for more info or to register at [www.lutherhill.org](http://www.lutherhill.org)

### UPCOMING CROSS TRAILS MINISTRY (Lutheran Camp Chrysalis) EVENTS!

Nov 25-27 and Dec 9-11	Family Advent Festival Retreat "Angels We Have Heard on High" Camp Chrysalis, Kerrville
Dec 3 or Dec 2-3	Upper Elementary Advent Retreat "Cheers and Tears" at Camp Chrysalis
Feb 3-5	Mother/Daughter Retreat At Ebert Ranch, west of Fredericksburg
Feb 24-26	The "Dangerous" Retreat for Boys and their Dads. At Ebert Ranch, west of Fredericksburg

Visit their website for more info or to register at [www.crosstrails.org](http://www.crosstrails.org).

## Revitalization Conference

A time for Prayer, Learning, Discovery and Connecting

Lake Junaluska, NC

November 3-5, 2011

### Conference for Pastors and Lay Leaders

**Audience:** Congregations with less than 150 worshipping/active members

**Who should attend:** Pastors and other congregational leaders

**Where:** Lake Junaluska Conference and Retreat Center

91 N. Lakeshore Drive • PO Box 67

Lake Junaluska, NC 28745

828-452-2881, 828-454-6726

[www.lakejunaluska.com](http://www.lakejunaluska.com)

**Cost:** NALC Registration Fee: \$20.00 per person

Lodging and Food (Payable to Lake Junaluska upon arrival. Make reservations directly at 1-800-222-4930; use reservation code #279440.)

- Meal package (6 meals): \$58.00 per person

- Lodging (per person; cost varies based on room)



## YOUTH ENCOUNTER

Austin, TX

Quake Event

February 10-12, 2012



So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue

to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

- Colossians 2:6-7

Jr High is planning on attending this event in Austin. Information regarding Youth Encounter and the Quake Event is located on [www.youthencounter.org/austin](http://www.youthencounter.org/austin) or on Austin Quake Facebook event page!

Watch for more information in Joy's newsletter/toolkit.

Quakes are for middle school youth (grades 6-9) and focus on faith in Jesus Christ and building Christian community.



BLESSING OF PRAYER SHAWLS/LAP ROBES OCTOBER 16, 2011



Prayer Shawls were blessed on Sunday, October 16th. These are given to those who are in need of a little extra comfort. Thank you to all who dedicate their time and talents to knit/crochet these wonderful afghans.

Do you know anyone that needs to be reminded about God's Love and Warmth? See Kathy Faucett for a Prayer Shawl.



PRAYER SHAWL KNITTING GROUP

How about joining The Prayer Shawl group at Mugz on FM 359 every Friday at 10:00 a.m. Come learn to knit or crochet! Anyone interested in knitting prayer shawls and/or lap robes for those in need are welcome to join us. This can be a wonderful ministry to bring comfort and support to those who are experiencing illness, trials, new babies, etc. They wrap, enfold, comfort, cover, give solace, mother, hug, shelter and beautify. They are symbolic of an inclusive, unconditionally loving, God.





**FDIC (Faith Development in Christ)**

**2011 Family Advent Activity**

This year, during the Christian Ed hour we will have a brief special opening in the Sanctuary, and ages of Sunday school will gather as a group in the fellowship hall to prepare our hearts and minds for Advent with a special craft. Martha Willis and her serving heart are at it again for our family Advent activity for 2011. She plans to design something that can be simple but also creatively enhanced by the older kids so all ages are welcome. Parents are encouraged to participate as well.

**JR HIGH TRIP TO DEWBERRY FARMS**

Jr. High will take a trip out to Dewberry Farms. We could go right after 2<sup>nd</sup> service on either Sunday, Nov 6<sup>th</sup> or Sunday, Nov 13<sup>th</sup> depending on what works most for everyone. The cost will be about 19.00 which will cover all the activities for the day except for lunch. We would need to bring additional spending money to eat lunch at the farm. Please let me know if you are interested.



For more information on Dewberry Farms go to [www.dewberryfarm.com](http://www.dewberryfarm.com)

**FDIC MEETING**

The FDIC meeting will be held on Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.



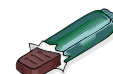
**COLLEGE AGED YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY**

Parents of college aged young adults are asked to bring 34 like items to Joy by Sunday, Nov.

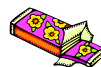


13<sup>th</sup>. Other disciples of Joy may participate as well. These items will be put in care boxes / study boxes for Joy's college

aged young adults (18-23 yr



olds). Ideas we've used in

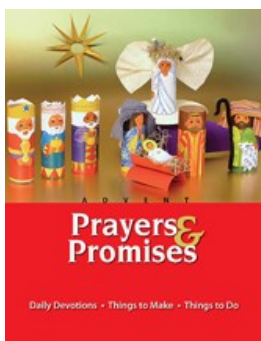


the past re: popcorn; granola/cereal bars; small bags of pretzels, crackers, cookies, etc.; cocoa mix; gum; stress ball; post its' highlighters; inspirational items; etc. On Tuesday evening, Nov.



15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM we'll pack up the boxes so they are ready to mail out the first of December. Please place items in the fellowship hall in the box labeled 'college aged young adults'.

**2011 AT HOME FAMILY ADVENT ACTIVITY**



Keeping faith at home during Advent, follow God's promises and the prayers of God's people from Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden all the way to Bethlehem and the birth of the Savior in this fun Advent activity book. Each day features a devotion, a Scripture reading, a prayer and either a craft, puzzle, recipe or game--a meaningful Advent experience for children ages 4-11. The book also includes directions for your own Nativity set. Pick one up in the Narthex for your family and take an extra to witness to your friends.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL SNACKS**

Snacks are a continual need! Please bring individual juice boxes, individual packages of teddy grahams, cheese nips, goldfish, fruit snacks, pretzels, Ritz Bitz, etc. (Think as low sugar as possible!) Please pack them in the green tub in the kitchen. Thank you for your support of our SS teachers and students!

# Behavior Hot Topic

## Homework Tips for Parents

Homework can have many benefits for students. It can improve remembering and understanding of schoolwork, help students develop study skills, teach them that learning takes place anywhere and it can foster positive character traits such as independence and responsibility.

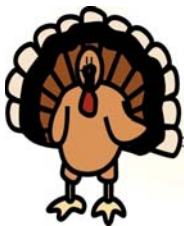
In order to foster a positive homework experience for your child, the following recommendations are offered:

- **Make sure your child has a quiet, well-lit place to do homework.** Avoid having your child do homework with the television on or in places with other distractions, such as people coming and going.
- **Make sure the materials your child needs, such as paper, pencils and a dictionary, are available.** Ask your child if special materials will be needed for some projects and get them in advance.
- **Help your child with time management.** Establish a set time each day for doing homework. Don't let your child leave homework until just before bedtime. Think about using a weekend morning or afternoon for working on big projects, especially if the project involves getting together with classmates.
- **Be positive about homework.** Tell your child how important school is. The attitude you express about homework will be the attitude your child acquires.
- **When your child asks for help, provide guidance, not answers.** Giving answers means your child will not learn the material. Too much help teaches your child that when the going gets rough, someone will do the work for him or her.

**When the teacher asks that you play a role in homework, do it.** Cooperate with the teacher. It shows your child that the school and home are a team. Follow the directions given by the teacher.

- **Stay informed.** Talk with your child's teacher. Make sure you know the purpose of homework and what your child's class rules are.
- **Help your child figure out what is hard homework and what is easy homework.** Have your child do the hard work first. This will mean he will be most alert when facing the biggest challenges. Easy material will seem to go fast when fatigue begins to set in.
- **Watch your child for signs of failure and frustration.** Let your child take a short break if she is having trouble keeping her mind on an assignment.

**Reward progress in homework.** If your child has been successful in homework completion and is working hard, celebrate that success with a special event (e.g., pizza, a walk, a trip to the park) to reinforce the positive effort.



# Behavior Hot Topic

## Dodging the Power Struggle at Home

It is a common occurrence for children to engage in power struggles with their parents, particularly when they are asked to complete homework or a chore. . In this "power struggle" no one wins! Parents who want to dodge the 'power-struggle' trap can do several things to ensure their child complies with their expectations in a positive manner.

### Disengage

The most important thing to do when faced with a defiant or noncompliant child is to remain calm! Try not to react to the child's behavior. Becoming visibly angry, raising your voice, or attempting to discipline the child may succeed in making the behavior worse! Simple strategies to disengage include:

- Use a brief, simple stress-reduction technique before responding.
- Take a deep breath
- Have a pre-planned appropriate response (e.g. re-state the initial directive)
- Respond in a neutral, calm voice.
- Keep responses brief and to the point.
- Avoid reacting in a confrontational manner to 'baiting' remarks that are deliberately intended to draw you into a power struggle (Walker, 1997).
- If the comment is mildly annoying, ignore it.
- If the comment is serious enough to require that you respond (e.g., insult, challenge to authority), briefly state in a neutral manner why the remark is inappropriate and impose a pre-selected consequence.

Then move on.

### Interrupt

When your child becomes upset, use interrupting tactics---well timed, supportive techniques that 'interrupt' the escalation of their anger. Interruption strategies are positive and respectful in nature. Some examples are:

Divert your child's attention from the conflict.

Remove the child briefly from the setting by sending him/her to another room, or on an errand, with the expectation that by the time the child returns he/she will have calmed down.

Allow the child a "cool down" break.

### Deescalate

Children may demonstrate poor judgment and impulsive decisions when angry. Strategies to deescalate include:

- Replace negative words with positive words (Braithwaite, 2001).
- Use non-verbal strategies. Watch your tone of voice, your volume, and your body language.

Acknowledge that the child is in control and must make their own behavioral choices.

\*\*Adapted from Dodging the Power Struggle Trap, [www.intervtioncentral.org](http://www.intervtioncentral.org).



# FORT BEND COUNTY FAIR 2011 BBQ COOKOFF

Congratulations to "It's the Pits Cookers" for winning third place in Beef in the BBQ cook-off and 7th place in Stew and 10th place in Gumbo in the Culinary cook-off at the Fort Bend County Fair on Sept. 30th and Oct. 1st.

It's the Pits Cookers a ministry in partnership with Joy Lutheran Church.















# NOVEMBER 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>EVERY SUNDAY</b> 800a-Worship 915a-Christian Ed 1030a-Worship		<b>1</b> 10a JW Bible Study  7p JW Bible Study	<b>2</b>  6p Confirmation	<b>3</b>  630p Make Sandwiches 730p Men's Bible Study 730p Praise Band	<b>4</b>  <div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;"> <b>Revitalization Conference (Lake Junaluska, NC)</b> </div>	<b>5</b>    <i>Set your clocks back!</i>
	<b>6 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY</b> Jr. High Trip to Dewberry Farms?  4p Oromo Celebration 6-8 Joy 101	<b>7</b>  6p Executive Team Mtg. 630p Make Sandwiches 630p FDIC Meeting 700p Financial Peace Univ.	<b>8</b> 10a JW Bible Study  7p JW Bible Study	<b>9</b>  6p Confirmation	<b>10</b>  10a BEST Ministerium  630p Make Sandwiches 730p Men's Bible Study 730p Praise Band	<b>11 Veteran's Day</b> 
<b>13 PENTECOST 22</b> Jr. High Trip to Dewberry Farms?  6-8 Joy 101	<b>14</b>  <div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; width: 100%;"> <b>STS Retreat</b> </div> 630p Make Sandwiches 630p La Cocina 730p Church Council	<b>15 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>  7p Assemble College Care Packages	<b>16</b>  6p Confirmation	<b>17</b>  630p Make Sandwiches 630p Social Ministry Mtg. 730p Men's Bible Study 730p Praise Band	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20 CHRIST THE KING</b>  6-8 Joy 101 	<b>21</b>  630p Make Sandwiches 7p Financial Peace Univ.	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24 Thanksgiving</b> 	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 3p Khrystynne Faucett's Wedding 
<b>27 ADVENT 1</b>  	<b>28</b>  630p Make Sandwiches 7p Financial Peace Univ.	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>  6p Confirmation		<div style="background-color: yellow; padding: 5px;"> <b>HELPING HANDS</b>  <b>NOVEMBER ITEMS</b>            Soup            Canned Vegetables            Coat/Sweaters         </div>	

## SERVING AT JOY LUTHERAN CHURCH

<b>Date</b>	<b>November 6</b>	<b>November 13</b>	<b>November 20</b>	<b>November 27</b>
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	In celebration of the Meyer's Wedding Anniversary	In memory of the Kunzler Family Birthdays	In celebration of Chelsea Goates' Birthday	In celebration of Larry Mikeska's Birthday
<b>Usher — 8:00 10:30</b>	June & Melissa Meyer Mike & Tracy Posey	Mike & Kathy Gann Parke & Gracie Wyant	Darwin & Bev Marvin Paula & Kristen Curry	Cliff & Shelly Halvorsen Dan & Kathy Strode
<b>Acolyte — 8:00 10:30</b>	tbd	tbd	tbd	tbd
<b>Assisting — 8:00 Ministers 10:30</b>	Fred Kunzler John Garrou	Dan Strode Chuck Canterbury	Darin Mielke Dan Strode	Bill Bray Corinne Light
<b>Lector — 8:00 10:30</b>	Martha Willis Erica Nigrelli	Bob Tesch John Garrou	Jill Kunzler Laura Cabato	June Tesch Sandy Wohlert
<b>Cantor — 8:00</b>	Fred Kunzler	Dan Strode	Darin Mielke	Bill Bray
<b>Communion Assistant —10:30</b>	Kathy Strode	Amy Cabato	Paula Curry	Shirley Morris
<b>Altar Guild</b>	S. Morris/C & A Rieder/M. Willis	S. Morris/C & A Rieder/M. Willis	S. Morris/C & A Rieder/M. Willis	S. Morris/C & A Rieder/M. Willis
<b>Children's — 8:00 Sermon — 10:30</b>	tbd	tbd	tbd	tbd
<b>Communion Visitors</b>	Joyce Hopkins & Ewald Lopata	Joyce Hopkins & Ewald Lopata	Joyce Hopkins & Ewald Lopata	Joyce Hopkins & Ewald Lopata
<b>Audio— 8:00 10:30</b>	Matt Lyons James Goates	Beth Horstman Kevin Loewe	Beth Horstman James Goates	Beth Horstman Kevin Loewe
<b>Video— 8:00 10:30</b>	Matt Lyons James Goates	Beth Horstman Matt Lyons	Beth Horstman James Goates	Beth Horstman Matt Lyons
<b>Counters</b>	Melissa Mikeska/Paula Curry	Fred Kunzler/Tammy Soward	Bob Jahn/David Landinger	Allen Schoppe/Kathy Gann