

# Dates November



What?

We	01	19:00	Church service; with Communion
Sa	04	19:00	Young Adults
So	05	10:30	Church service
Fr	10	18:00	Royal Rangers
So	12	10:30	Church service
Fr	17	18:00	Royal Rangers
So	19	10:30	Church service
Fr	24	18:00	Royal Rangers
So	26	10:30	Church service

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# Dates December



What?

Fr	01	18:00	Royal Rangers
Sa	02	09:00	Women's breakfast
Sa	02	19:00	Young Adults
So	03	10:30	Church service with Baptism
We	06	19:00	Church service; with Communion
Fr	08	18:00	Royal Rangers
So	10	10:30	Church service Afterwards „Meet & Greet“
Fr	15	18:00	Royal Rangers
So	17	10:30	Church service
So	24	10:30	Church service

## Dear Friends,

It has now been 4 months since our 30-year celebration outreach “Jesus Pur”.

When I spoke to some of the leaders who were involved with this event, everyone agreed that “things will never be the same from now on”!

Over the past months we have had more new people visit the church than ever before. I believe that this is proof of a **new spiritual hunger** in the hearts of people. I would describe this hunger as a “**hunger for what is real**”.

We live in such a virtual world. People have always enjoyed watching television, going to the theater, or reading a novel. For many years, these forms of entertainment served as totally acceptable ways of relaxation. But I have a theory that people have come to a point where they sense that too many aspects of life have become replaced with virtual reality and cheap substitutes for what is “real”.

Everything seems to now have a fake counterpart. Here is a short list:

- 1) If you choose to be a vegetarian or a vegan, you can buy food that looks and tastes like meat, but it is made of something else. If one chooses to not eat meat, that is their choice, but would somebody explain to me the need for “virtual meat”? Just go ahead and eat fruits and vegetables.
- 2) We eat and drink hundreds of fake products that are “artificially flavored”. Children grow up not knowing what real food tastes like.
- 3) Certain video games make no sense to me either. Why would you want to play “Farmville”, when you could plant a small garden in your back yard or balcony and

- have the real benefits. Or find someone who has a real farm and offer to help them.
- 4) Or what about electric cars that have a computer generated “vroom vroom”? Maybe it is time to go out and buy that old-timer with a real V8 motor before it’s too late!
  - 5) The shallowest form of “virtual reality” has got to be relationships that are found and lived out over the internet. You might have 1,500 “Facebook friends”, but do you have some real friends who you spend real physical time with? I sure hope you do!
  - 6) Even the church is not immune to fakeness. Recently a church in Germany listened to a sermon that was written using “Artificial Intelligence”. Some think that we might be able to get rid of churches altogether, and that we can just sit at home in front of the computer and listen to a virtual worship service and a computer animated pastor.

People of God, let us work to be real with ourselves, our God, and our friends and neighbours.

Nobody likes a fake! I challenge you to choose what is true and real in every area of life.

Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things *are* noble, whatever things *are* just, whatever things *are* pure, whatever things *are* lovely, whatever things *are* of good report, if *there is* any virtue and if *there is* anything praiseworthy—  
meditate on these things.                      Philippians 4:8

Your Friend always,

Rande L. Loucks