

County-Wide Chaplaincy

Thanks you!

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Thanksgiving Report

How thankful I am! Those of you who have received this report for years may remember the November letters in the past. I have shared my heart, year after year, how Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday, how I enjoy it, and how it helps me to think about the good things in life and the many blessings (gifts from above) we all have.

Number one would be the love that God has for every individual, and also the peace that comes when we walk in His ways. He has given us so much to be thankful for: our loved ones, the roofs over our heads, the clothes on our backs, the blankets on our beds, the heaters in our homes and cars... Please make your own list, give thanks, and find joy and appreciation. Shake off the negative and plant the positive in your hearts and minds, and lovingly and humbly help others to do the same. Plant gratitude deep in your heart and water it well.

In the New Testament, the small book called Philippians contains four chapters. These chapters are filled with practical instructions and words of encouragement. I know how much I personally need to be encouraged by these words, and how it helps me to take a deep breath and move forward. I think of a song from many years ago. It describes the Saints as just sinners who fall down, recognize their mistakes, repent, and get back up to keep moving forward. With God's help and His love, let us all receive forgiveness and grant forgiveness. Let us be a community of decent and kind people.

We are all so very blessed to have the resources that we have here in our country. I thank God for the men and women who serve in so many ways—both paid employees and unpaid volunteers—whose contributions are so very important. Here are some of the many public servants I am thankful for:

- Our Search and Rescue Personnel, Red Cross Staff, Hospital Staff, and Medical Examiner Staff
- Our 911 Dispatchers, Ambulance Personnel, Tow Truck Operators and their Dispatchers
- Our TIP Family, Chaplains, Police and Deputies
- Our Sheriffs, Chiefs, Captains and Commanders
- Our Reserves, Cadets and Firefighters
- Our State Troopers, Soldiers, Rangers and Coast Guard Personnel
- Our Pastors, Ministers, and Church Workers
- Our Correctional Staff in Jails and Prisons

This list does not include all who deserve to be mentioned. I sure appreciate all the wonderful folks I am privileged to serve alongside and to share this life with.

With so much thanks to so many,
~Sam LaPore

Please remember to pray for the safety of all our first responders.
We are all so grateful for them!

The screenshot shows the homepage of County-Wide Chaplaincy. At the top left is the logo with a cross and the text "COUNTY-WIDE CHAPLAINCY CLARK COUNTY WASHINGTON". To the right is the slogan "THERE TO HELP WHEN IT HURTS." and a map of Clark County, WA. Below the header is a navigation menu with links for HOME, ABOUT, SERVICES, CHAPLAINS, CONTACT, and DONATIONS, along with a phone number: Call: 360-573-7127. The main content area features a large image of a lighthouse on a rocky shore with waves crashing. Below the image is a "Welcome to County-Wide Chaplaincy" section with a brief description of the organization and a link to the "About" page. To the right of the image is a "SIGN UP FOR OUR NEWSLETTER" form with an email address input field and a "SIGN UP" button. Below the form are links for "Download Latest Web Update" and "View Previous Updates". At the bottom of the page is a footer with four columns: "OUR PURPOSE" (providing hope through emotional and spiritual support), "WANT TO BECOME A CHAPLAIN?" (linking to a training page), "RESOURCES" (listing TJP NW and Grief Share), and contact information for the office at 2500 NE 76th St, Vancouver, WA 98665, with phone number 360-573-7127. A copyright notice for 2017 is also present.

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