

## Greetings friends!

Chodesh 9 is upon us!

**Ecclesiastes 3:1** To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:

The seasons do come and the seasons go, all according to their purpose upon the Earth. The Hebrews and still some today keep the Holy Days and other days of giving thanks to their Creator as the early pilgrims of the Americas too observed a time of Thanksgiving for their bounty.



First celebrated by the Plymouth Colony in 1621, this was the first Thanksgiving Day celebrated in America, and little by little, as new colonies settled the land, the custom of a yearly Thanksgiving spread throughout the country.

George Washington perfectly expressed the spirit of the day in his Thanksgiving Proclamation in 1789:

*Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of the Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection, aid and favors ... Now, therefore, I do recommend and assign Thursday, the 26<sup>th</sup> day of November next, to be devoted by the people of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the Beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be; that we may then all unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks for His kind care and protection of the people of this country, and for all the great and variable favors which He has been pleased to confer upon us.*

In 1864 President Lincoln issued the first presidential proclamation appointing Thanksgiving Day as a holiday on the fourth Thursday of November.



I recall from my youth the barns full of hay and feed for the animals this time of the year; as well as potatoes, carrots, turnips and other types of produce which would preserve well in that dry and cool environment. Among the bounty one could also find apples and onions, pumpkins and squash, herbs and roots stocks from flavorful plants and trees such as sassafras. This month's **Chodesh Report** contains some graphics which may take you back to some of those memories of Thanksgiving, barns and white fields and slippery road trips, but first, **the data**.

## The data:

On **November 6, 2002** at about 6:30 PM Jerusalem, Israel should a chodesh [new moon] with a 5% illumination. Around the globe that same day the chodesh should appear at about 6:30 PM - Western USA time. The 2 day, 4 hours old chodesh will still have about a 5% illumination by the time it gets to the Western States.

This chodesh 9 begins Biblical calendar month "nine". Why is it month 9 and not 8? For answers to this question and more please see a helpful bible study titled [Calendar Studies - Abib](#). A complete booklet with answers to all your biblical calendar questions may be found at "[The Sacred Calendar Book](#)", <http://atschool.eduweb.co.uk/sbs777/saccal/calbook/index.html>

Data this month is also from [Home Planet for Windows](http://www.homeplanetforwindows.com) software for Windows operating systems. This is a free software package and is available to you at: <http://www.fourmilab.ch/>

Actual new moon sightings list with the last 2-3 years dates can be seen at the monthly new moon chart at: Calendar Info <http://home.earthlink.net/~dwlacey/faq/calendar/nmcalchart.html>

## Names of the Month

### The Roman calendar month November:

From the Latin word nove meaning nine, which was the ninth month of the Roman calendar. November has 30 days. November became the eleventh month of the Julian Calendar year following the additions of July and August.

When you look at September, October, November and December, it seems as if the Romans couldn't count! But their year used to start in March. When Julius Caesar reorganised the calendar and made it start in January, he kept the old names, apart from one month, which he called after himself.

The Romans had special names for the first day in the month (the Kalends), the seventh day (the Nones) and the fifteenth (the Ides). The Kalends belonged to [Juno](#). The Ides belonged to [Jupiter](#).


### The Jewish calendar month

**Strong's Hebrew 2320 - chodesh** kho'-desh from 2318; the new moon; by implication, a month:--month(-ly), new moon; and Abib means green ears of grain. The *biblical calendar* month is similar to the Jewish calendar moon [month] 9:

Months	Weather	Crops & activity
Kislev (Nov/Dec)		Grain planting continues

The civil month 9 was also named in the scriptures as Chisleu.

9 Chisleu	Nehemiah 1:1, Zech.7:1	The Hunter/ninth
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<b>Neh 1:1</b> The words of Nehemiah the son of Hachaliah. And it came to pass in the month Chisleu, in the twentieth year, as I was in Shushan the palace,	<b>Zec 7:1</b> And it came to pass in the fourth year of king Darius, <i>that</i> the word of the LORD came unto Zechariah in the fourth <i>day</i> of the ninth month, <i>even</i> in Chisleu;	
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Note from the author: The differences of the traditional Hebrew calendar, the Biblical and the Roman calendars reveal much regarding the histories and customs of their respective authors. We today use the civil Roman calendar for our commerce and governments with almost global acceptance. However, for the Bible student it should be noted that there are several factions among each of the faiths thus the sometimes confusing and differing names of the months, seasons, beginning of years including sometimes even the [Holy Days](#).

For further reading see ["The Sacred Calendar Book"](#).

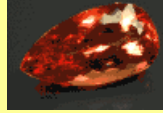
### From Easton's Illustrated Bible Dictionary:

**CHISLEU:** the name adopted from the Babylonians by the Jews after the Captivity for the third civil, or



ninth ecclesiastical, month (**Neh. 1:1; Zech. 7:1**). It corresponds nearly with the moon in November.

The birthstone for the month of November is the topaz, the color is yellow, the flower is Chrysanthemum - meaning Optimism / Cheerfulness.

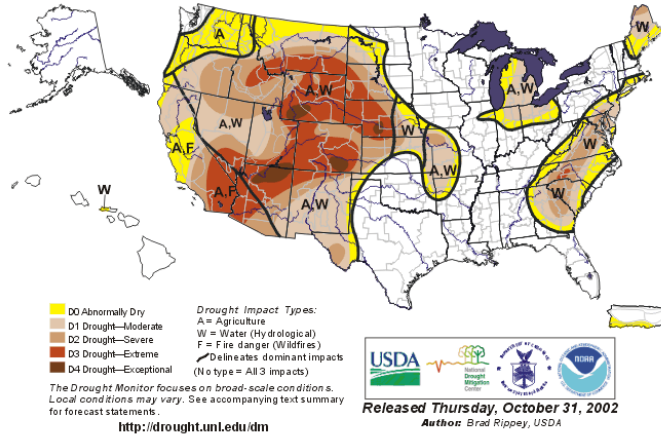


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### Drought Info:

Here is a graphic of the current drought as given from NOAA and the others whom comprise the Drought Monitor:

### U.S. Drought Monitor October 29, 2002 Valid 7 a.m. EST



### Historic Happenings November 6

- 1572 Supernova is observed in the constellation known as Cassiopeia
- 1813 Chilpancingo congress declares Mexico independent of Spain
- 1844 Spain grants Dominican Rep independence
- 1850 1st Hawaiian fire engine
- 1850 Yerba Buena & Angel Islands (San Francisco Bay) reserved for military use
- 1860 Abraham Lincoln (R-Ill-Rep) elected 16th President
- 1861 Jefferson Davis elected to 6 year term as Confederate President
- 1862 NY-San Francisco direct telegraphic link established
- 1869 1st intercollegiate football (soccer) game (Rutgers 6, Princeton 4)
- 1883 NYAC organizes 1st American cross-country championship race
- 1884 British protectorate proclaimed over southeast New Guinea
- 1885 US mint at Carson City, Nevada directed to close
- 1888 Benjamin Harrison (R-Sen-Indiana) beats President Grover Cleveland (D), 233 electoral votes to 168, Cleveland received slightly more votes
- 1900 President William McKinley (R) re-elected, beating William Jennings Bryan
- 1906 Charles Evans Hughes (R) elected NY gov beats William Randolph Hearst
- 1911 Francisco Madeiro inaugurated President of Mexico
- 1913 Mohandas K Gandhi arrested for leading Indian miners march in South Africa



1917 Bolshevik revolution begins with the capture of the Winter Palace  
1918 Republic of Poland proclaimed  
1923 USSR adopts experimental calendar, with 5-day "weeks"  
1924 Stanley Baldwin becomes PM of England  
1928 Herbert Hoover (R) beats Alfred E Smith (D) for President  
1935 Maiden flight by Canada's Hawker Hurricane military plane  
1936 RCA displays TV for the press  
1939 WGY-TV (Schenectady, NY), 1st commercial TV station, begins service  
1945 HUAC begins investigation of 7 radio commentators  
1952 1st hydrogen bomb exploded (by US at Eniwetok Atoll)  
1956 Holland & Spain withdraw from Olympics, protest Soviets in Hungary  
1956 President Eisenhower (D) re-elected defeating Adlai E Stevenson (R)  
1957 Felix Gaillard becomes premier of France  
1961 US government issues a stamp honoring 100th birthday of James Naismith  
1962 BART bond issue just gets by with a 66.9% favorable vote  
1962 Edward M Kennedy 1st elected (Sen-D-MA)  
1962 Edward W Brooke (R) elected attorney general of Massachusetts  
1966 1st entire lineup televised in color (NBC)  
1967 US launches Surveyor 6; makes soft landing on Moon Nov 9  
1969 1st Cy Young Award tie (Mike Cuellar, Baltimore & Denny McLain, Detroit)  
1973 Abe Beame elected 1st jewish mayor on NYC  
1973 Coleman Young elected mayor of Detroit  
1975 1st appearance of the Sex Pistols  
1976 Benjamin Hooks, succeeds Roy Wilkins as executive director of NAACP  
1977 39 killed in an earthen dam burst at Toccoa Falls Bible College, Ga  
1978 Shah of Iran places Iran under military rule  
1983 Discovery transported to Vandenberg AFB, California  
1984 President Reagan (R) landslide (won 49 states) re-election over Mondale (D)  
1985 22nd Space Shuttle Mission (61A) -Challenger 9- lands at Edwards AFB  
1985 Exploratory well at Ranger TX, explodes spilling 6.3 m gallons of oil  
1985 General Jaruzelski elected Poland's head of state  
1986 Reagan signs landmark immigration reform bill  
1988 Japan & MLB all stars played to a 6-6 draw (Game 2 of 7)  
1988 Steve Jones wins NY men's marathon; Grete Waitz 9th women's title  
1989 US marshals & FCC seize pirate radio station WJPL in Brooklyn  
1990 Arsenio Hall gets a star on Hollywood's Walk of Fame  
1990 Fire destroys some of Universal Studio's stages  
1993 Next transit of Mercury

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## Born on November 6

1558 Thomas Kyd English dramatist (Spanish Tragedy)  
1661 Charles II last Habsburg king of Spain (1665-1700)  
1671 Colley Cibber England, dramatist/poet laureate (Love's Last Shift)  
1746 Absalom Jones Delaware, born into slavery  
1771 Alois Senefelder inventor (lithography)  
1814 Adolphe Sax Belgium, musician/inventor (saxophone)  
1832 Joseph Smith son of founder of Mormonism  
1836 Francis Ellingwood Abbot Boston, theologian (Scientific Theism)  
1851 Charles H Dow co-founded Dow Jones/1st editor of Wall St Journal  
1854 John Phillip Sousa Wash DC, march king (Stars & Stripes Forever)  
1860 Ignace Jan Paderewski Kurylowka Poland, composer/pianist/patriot  
1861 James A Naismith inventor (basketball)

1887 Walter Johnson Kansas, Wash Senator pitcher (1907-27) (414-218)  
 1892 John Sigvard Olsen Wabash IN, comedian (Olsen & Johnson)  
 1896 Jim Jordan radio comedian (Fibber McGee)  
 19-- Corey Glover rocker (Living Colour-Biscuits)  
 19-- Dorothy Meyer Indianapolis IN, actress (Willa-King's Crossing)  
 1900 Heinrich Himmler Nazi SS leader  
 1901 Juanita Hall Keyport NJ, actress (Capt Billy)  
 1904 Selena Royale NYC, actress (Date With Judy, Misleading Lady)  
 1906 Francis Lederer actor (Diary of a Chambermaid)  
 1916 Ray Conniff Massachusetts, chorus director (Ray Conniff Singers)  
 1921 James Jones Robinson IL, novelist (From Here to Eternity)  
 1923 Robert P Griffin actor (Barricade, Broken Arrow, Crime of Passion)  
 1928 Peter Matz Pittsburgh PA, orchestra leader (Hullabaloo, Carol Burnett Show)  
 1931 Mike Nichols stage/film director (Catch 22, Biloxi Blues)  
 1933 Knut Johannesen Norway, 5K/10K speed skater (Olympic-gold-1964)  
 1943 Michael Schwerner civil rights worker, murdered in 1964  
 1946 Sally Field Pasadena CA, we really like her (Gidget, Flying Nun)  
 1947 Jack Arnold character on Wonder Years  
 1948 Glenn Frey Detroit, rocker (Eagles-Take it Easy)  
 1949 Brad Davis Tallahassee FL, actor (Roots, Chiefs)  
 1950 Ernest Thompson Bellows Fall VT, actor (Sierra, Westside Medical)  
 1954 Catherine Cryer  
 1955 Maria Shriver [Mrs A Schwartenegger], Chicago IL, newscaster (Sunday Today)  
 1959 Teri Peterson Santa Monica Cal, playmate (July, 1980)  
 1960 Lance Kerwin Newport Beach Ca, (James at 15, The Lonliest Runner)  
 1962 Lori Singer Corpus Christi Texas, actress (Fame, V, Footloose)  
 1966 Lisa Fuller Los Angeles CA, actress (Dawn-General Hospital)  
 1966 Peter DeLuise actor (Free Ride)  
 1967 Jana McCoy Portales NM, Miss NM-America (1991)  
 1967 Rebecca Schaeffer Eugene Oregon, actress (Patti-My Sister Sam)  
 1968 Kelly Rutherford Elizabethtown Kentucky, actress (Generations)  
 1970 Ethan Hawke Austin, TX, actor (Dad, Dead Poets Society, Explorers)

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### Deaths on this Day November 6

1632 King Gustavus Aldophus of Sweden, dies in battle  
 1839 Rabbi Hayim Rapoport of Ostrowiec author (Maxim Chayyim), dies  
 1944 Hannah Senesh Jewish poetess, executed by Nazis in Budapest  
 1972 Tod Andrews actor (Gray Ghost, Counterthrust), dies at 52  
 1978 Flora Campbell actress (Faraway Hill, Date With Judy), dies at 67  
 1980 Mary Michael actress (Birdie-Wonderful John Acton), dies at 77  
 1987 Ross R Barnett lawyer/(Gov-D-Miss), dies at 89  
 1987 William C Pahlmann interior decorator (4 Seasons NYC), dies at 80  
 1991 Gene Tierney actress, dies at 70 of emphysema

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### Holidays November 6

Mauritius : Ganga Asnam  
 Virgin Islands : Liberty Day - - - - - ( Monday )  
 US : Election Day, go vote! - - - - - ( Tuesday )  
 Liberia : Thanksgiving Day - - - - - ( Thursday )  
 World : World Community Day (1945) (pray for peace) - - - - - ( Friday )



Denmark : Esbjerg Cup-World's largest ice skating championship - - - - ( Saturday)  
Note: Some Holidays are only applicable on a given "day of the week"

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**Religious Observances November 6**

Anglican : St Illtyd & Leonard's Day (abbot)

Ang, RC : Commemoration of St Leonard, hermit

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**This Day in Christian History - November 6**

1777: Anglican hymnwriter John Newton wrote in a letter: 'God often takes a course for accomplishing His purposes directly contrary to what our narrow views would prescribe. He brings a death upon our feelings, wishes and prospects when He is about to give us the desire of our hearts.'

1789: Following the American Revolution, Father John Carroll, 54, was appointed the first Roman Catholic bishop in the newly organized and independent United States of America.

1853: The first Chinese Presbyterian Church in the U.S. was organized in San Francisco, CA.

1953: English apologist C.S. Lewis wrote in a letter: 'Our prayers are really His prayers; He speaks to himself through us.'

1977: In Toccoa Falls, GA, the Barnes Lake Dam burst, following heavy rains, and the resulting flood destroyed the (Christian and Missionary Alliance) campus of Toccoa Falls Bible Institute. Thirty-eight students and instructors were also killed in the tragedy.

**Source: *William D. Blake. Almanac of the Christian Church, Minneapolis: Bethany House, 1987.***

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Tips from the "**The book of Knowledge**" 1953 edition.

**Q**uestion: *How long do animals live?*

**A**nswer: Listed from shortest to longest:

Rabbit 5 years	Camel 40	Wren 3	Lark 18
Sheep 12	Lion 40	Thrush 10	Pigeon 20
Cat 13	Elephant 100	Robin 12	Canary 24
Dog 15	Whale 100	Blackbird 12	Peacock 24
Goat 15	Crocodile 300	Hen 14	Goose 50
Cow 25	Tortoise 350	Goldfinch 15	Crow 100
Pig 25		Partridge 15	Swan 100
Horse 30		Pheasant 15	Eagle 100

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**Well That Explains it!!**

What causes an "ice cream headache"?

An **ice cream headache** is triggered by a sudden change in temperature that occurs in your mouth when you eat something cold.

On a hot day when you eat a snow cone, the cold crushed ice that touches the top of your mouth initiates a nerve reaction that swells blood vessels in your head. The nerve center on the roof of your mouth overreacts to the cold temperature of the snow cone and tries to heat your brain. This swelling of blood vessels is what causes an ice cream headache, or what is more commonly known as "brain freeze" or "frozen brain syndrome."



Luckily the intense stabbing pain in your head usually lasts only for about 30-60 seconds.

*I scream, you scream, we all scream ice cream HEADACHE!* - 30% of the human population suffers from these excruciating headaches. The best way to avoid getting an ice cream headache is keep the chilled foods or beverages you eat on the side of your mouth, away from the roof of your mouth.

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### Fast Facts

The term "soda water" was coined in 1798.

The soda fountain was patented by Samuel Fahnestock in 1819, with the first bottled soda water available in 1835.

The first ice-cream soda was sold in 1874 in the US.

The first cola-flavoured beverage was introduced in 1881.

Coca-Cola was invented in Atlanta, Georgia by Dr. John S. Pemberton in 1886.

Pepsi-Cola was invented by Caleb Bradham in 1890 as "Brad's Drink" as a digestive aid and energy booster.

It was renamed as Pepsi-Cola in 1989.

In 1929, the Howdy Company introduced its "Bib-Label Lithiated Lemon-Lime Sodas," which became 7 Up.

7 Up was invented by Charles Leiper Grigg.

The first diet soft drink, called the "No-Cal Beverage" was launched in 1952.

Aluminum cans were introduced in 1957 and two years later the first diet cola was sold.

The pull-ring tab was invented in 1962 and the re-sealable top in 1965.

Plastic bottles were first used for soft drinks in 1970.

The Polyethylene Terephthalate bottle was introduced in 1973.

The stay-on tab was invented in 1974.

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### Signs in the lights of the heavens?

For current biblical calendar information please see the articles [Calendar Info](#) and [Calendar of the Saints II](#).

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<http://atschool.eduweb.co.uk/sbs777/saccal/calbook/index.html>

### What are the harvest times in Israel?

[From SBS "[Calendar Book](#)" question 4.]

## Answer

The agricultural year in Israel begins in the autumn (after the harvest festival of Tabernacles) with ploughing and sowing. Harvests in Israel begin in spring in the month of Adar (February/March). The following harvest times in ancient Israel are obtained from the Readers Digest book entitled **Jesus and His Times**, pages 100-101.

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Months	Weather	Crops & activity
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Tishri (Sep/Oct)	First rains	Ploughing begins
Heshvan (Oct/Nov)		Ploughing / grain planting
Kislev (Nov/Dec)		Grain planting continues
Tebeth (Dec/Jan)	Main rains	
Sebat (Jan/Feb)		
Adar (Feb/Mar)	Spring rains	Almond in bloom / flax harvest
Abib (Mar/Apr)		Barley harvest begins
Zif (Apr/May)		Barley harvest completed
Sivan (May/Jun)	Dry season	Wheat harvest begins
Tamuz (Jun/Jul)		<b>Wheat harvest completed</b> / first figs
Ab (Jul/Aug)	Summer heat	Vintage (grape harvest) begins
Elul (Aug/Sep)		Date harvest / summer figs

From the above, one can see that the harvest season in ancient Israel began in Adar (Feb/March) and continued by stages into autumn. The barley harvest began in March-April: the first sheaf being cut and waived in the middle of Abib, which could be any time between 21st March and the middle of April. It is the same in modern Israel. Concerning the wheat and grape harvests, the **Westminster Dictionary of the Bible** says this:

*"In Palestine wheat was sown in November or December, after the rains began. The harvest was in April, May or June in Palestine varying according to the locality and the weather at the time."* (page 635)

*"The vintage began in the middle of September and continued into October. It was a season of festivity. In the vineyards there were singing and joyful noise, and the treaders in the press kept time by shouting as they trod the grapes."* (page 629)

These details concerning harvest times in Israel are vital when determining the start of a year in the sacred calendar and the sacred Festivals in it.

## Scriptural Reading

**Ecclesiastes 3:1** To every *thing* there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:

2 A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up *that which* is planted;

3 A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;

4 A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

5 A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

6 A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away;

7 A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

8 A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.

9 What profit hath he that worketh in that wherein he laboureth?

10 I have seen the travail, which God hath given to the sons of men to be exercised in it.

11 He hath made every *thing* beautiful in his time: also he hath set the world in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end.

12 I know that *there is* no good in them, but for *a man* to rejoice, and to do good in his life.

13 And also that every man should eat and drink, and enjoy the good of all his labour, it is the gift of God.



And finally, seed crop and storage of the bounty ...



Tator' bin



Hay and grain barn



Root cellar

## Thanksgiving Day

By Lydia Maria Child (1802 - 1880)

Over the river and through the wood,  
To grandfather's house we go;  
The horse knows the way  
To carry the sleigh  
Through the white and drifted snow.

Over the river and through the wood,  
Oh, how the wind does blow!  
It stings the toes  
And bites the nose,  
As over the ground we go.

Over the river and through the wood,  
To have a first-rate play;  
Hear the bells ring  
"Ting-a-ling-ding!"  
Hurrah for Thanksgiving Day!

Over the river and through the wood,  
Trot fast, my dapple-gray!  
Spring over the ground,  
Like a hunting hound!  
For this is Thanksgiving Day!

Over the river and through the wood,  
And straight through the barnyard gate,  
We seem to go  
Extremely slow -  
It's so hard to wait!

Over the river and through the wood,



Now grandmother's cap I spy!  
Hurrah for the fun!  
Is the pudding done?  
Hurrah for the pumpkin pie!

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## A Recipe ... 'yup, pumpkin pie!

### American Pumpkin Pie

#### Pastry:

2 Cups (5 dl) flour  
1 tsp salt  
2/3 Cup (125 g) shortening or margarine  
5 - 7 Tbsp cold water

#### Filling:

1½ Cups (3 dl) cooked, mashed pumpkin  
1 Cup (2 ½ dl) sugar  
½ tsp salt  
1½ tsp cinnamon  
1 tsp ginger  
½ tsp nutmeg  
½ tsp cloves  
4 eggs  
2 Cups (5 dl) milk

Mix pastry (best in a food processor), roll out on lightly floured surface to about 1/8 inch thickness and transfer to 8- or 9-inch pie plate. For "scalloped edge" have pastry 3/4 inch (2 cm) over the rim; fold under and press edges between thumb and forefinger to make an attractive edge standing higher than the pie plate. *Mix filling (a food processor gives a very smooth mixture), adding ingredients in the order listed. Pour into unbaked pastry shell and bake at 400° F (200° C) 50 minutes or until a knife inserted halfway between center and outside comes out clean. Cool and serve with whipped cream or ice cream.*

#### **Media Links:**

Audio files: [To the Saints Media](#)

Other audio files: [coming soon]

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