



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

REFORMATION SUNDAY † CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

OCTOBER 29, 2023 † 8:30 A.M. & 10:45 A.M.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH † NORTHFIELD, MINNESOTA

Welcome to worship at St. John's!

We especially welcome all who are visiting this morning!

*All are invited to **sign the welcome sheets** in the black folders at the end of the pews.*

*Please pass them to the center and then back
so you can greet those worshipping around you.*

Ushers will gather these following worship.

*In the red hymnal (Evangelical Lutheran Worship), or purple hymnal
(All Creation Sings), hymn numbers are at the top of the page in the hymn section,
and page numbers are at the bottom of the page in the front section.*

An asterisk () invites you to stand as you are able.*

P Pastor, **L** Leader (Assisting Minister), **C** Congregation

Children are welcome to participate throughout our
worship service, including at Holy Communion.

*Parents, please assist children when they come forward for communion
to extend their hands if they are to receive the bread and wine.*

Children's Bibles and activity bags

*are available at both entrances to the Sanctuary
and scribble cards are available in the pews.*

Hearing assistance devices are available outside the Sanctuary or from an usher.

For those with hearing aids, the Sanctuary is equipped with a hearing loop.

Large print bulletins and hymns are available for worship services.



*St. John's Lutheran Church is a community grounded in the promise of God's grace
and called to extend Christ's welcome to all people. Every day, Christ meets us all just as
we are, extending love to people of every age, race or ethnicity, physical appearance,
sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, marital or
relationship status, economic circumstance, educational achievement,
political affiliation, or religious background.*

*While we do not always agree, we choose to walk and grow in faith together,
believing that God creates diversity, and loves and welcomes us.*

We warmly welcome you here.

RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Today we rejoice in the gifts of baptism: the promise of God’s faithfulness and forgiveness, the enlivening power of the Holy Spirit, and life together in the body of Christ.

At the 10:45 service, our 10th graders take part in Affirmation of Baptism—claiming God’s promises for them at this moment in their lives. They have been through a long journey of catechesis in the faith, and many family members, teachers, and mentors have been part of this formation with them. We rejoice that they are ready to publicly claim God’s promises as they state their intentions to continue in the faith: to live among God’s faithful people, to hear God’s word and share in the Lord’s Supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth. They are:

Owen Brownlee	Kailee Jo Little	Kate Sand
Sam Froehle	John Malecha	Syd Swedin
	Osiris Perez	

GATHERING IN GOD’S PRESENCE

Prelude — “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

Charles Callahan

Delaney Breen, horn

Welcome and Announcements

Moment for Stewardship

***Gathering Hymn** — ELW No. 632

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

***Greeting**

☐ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

☑ **And also with you.**

*Prayer of the Day

- ☐ Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- ☑ Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message / (8:30) Presentation of Bibles to 3rd Graders

First Reading — Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

¹The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: ²Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.

⁵You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. ⁶You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the LORD. ⁷You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. ⁸You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

- ☐ The word of the Lord.
- ☑ Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first two phrases: 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,'. The second staff contains the melody for the next two phrases: 'al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The notes are simple, with some slurs and ties to indicate the flow of the melody.

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 22nd chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³⁴When the Pharisees heard that [Jesus] had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” ³⁷He said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ ³⁸This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ ⁴⁰On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

⁴¹Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: ⁴²“What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” ⁴³He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, ⁴⁴‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet”’? ⁴⁵If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” ⁴⁶No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Jonathan Davis

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ELW No. 546

“To Be Your Presence”

(8:30) *The Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

(10:45) **Affirmation of Baptism and Rite of Confirmation**

Front of ELW hymnal, page 234

Presentation and Prayer

Profession of Faith

Following each article of the Apostles' Creed:

P Lord, we believe.

C Help our unbelief.

Intent to Continue in Our Baptismal Covenant with God

Promise of the Assembly

P People of God, do you promise to support these siblings and pray for them in their life in Christ?

C We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Prayer of Invocation

P Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

C Amen.

Confirmation through Laying On of Hands and Prayer

Pastor, parents, sponsors, and mentors lay hands on the Confirmand's head and pray:

+ Owen Brownlee

+ Sam Froehle

+ Kailee Jo Little

+ John Malecha

+ Osiris Perez

+ Kate Sand

+ Syd Swedin

P Stir up in *-name-* the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C Amen.

Celebrating with the Confirmands

- ☐ Let us rejoice with these siblings in Christ.
- ☑ **We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.**
Together we will give thanks and praise to God
and proclaim the good news to all the world.

*Prayers of Intercession

After each petition:

- ☒ Lord, in your mercy, ☑ **hear our prayer.**

*Peace

- ☐ The peace of Christ be with you always. ☑ **And also with you.**

You are invited to share God's peace with those around you.

Offering of Our Gifts

Music at the Offering

(8:30) "Ayre on 'A Mighty Fortress' "

Michael Costello

(10:45) "From Generation to Generation"

Tom Trenney

From out of darkness you have shown us light; your Word has been a lamp unto our way. O God, from the beginning, you have been our life; you've led us to this day. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, your love is faithful and steadfast from generation to generation. We strive to love our neighbors as ourselves, becoming one beloved community. We long to bring your justice, freedom, peace. You lead us on this day! We pray that all who seek God's grace may find Christ's welcome here. Lord, be our children's children's strength as year succeeds to year, from generation to generation! Lord, lead us from this day!

– Isaac Watts, Tom Trenney

St. John's Chorale

*Offering Hymn — "Praise and Thanksgiving" stanza 1

BUNESSAN

**Praise and thanksgiving, God, we would offer
for all things living, you have made good:
harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard,
hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.**

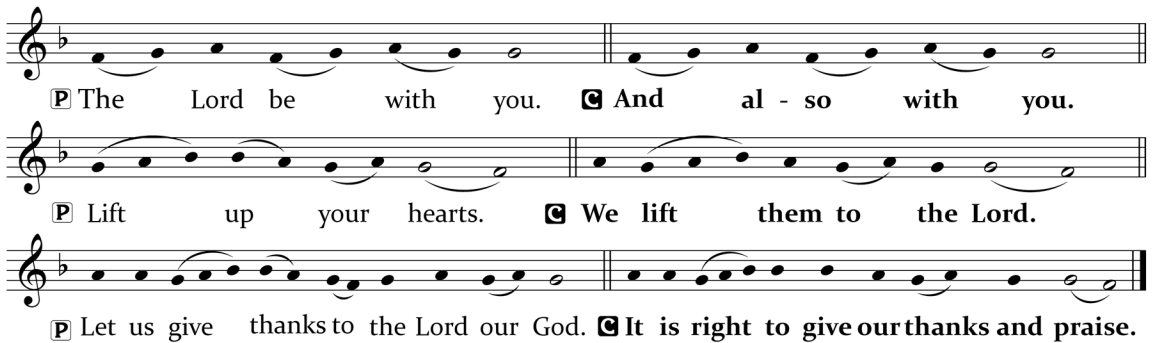
*Offering Prayer

L Let us pray.

C God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Great Thanksgiving

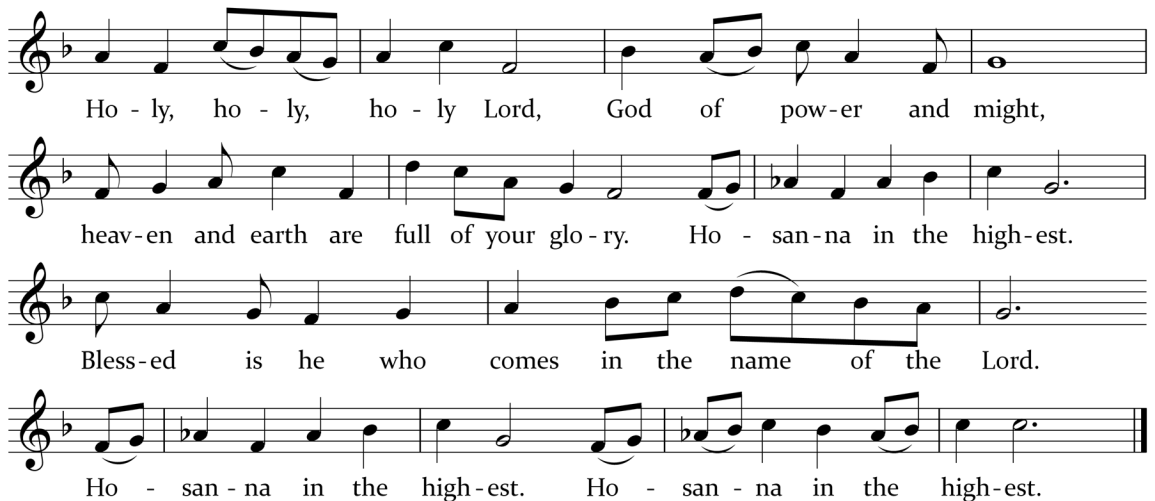


P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san-na in the high-est.
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high-est. Ho - san - na in the high-est.

*Words of Institution

*The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those
who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

*Communion will be received standing at stations in the front of sanctuary; ushers will direct you forward. **Gluten-free wafers** are available in the center. After you have been served the bread you will be offered wine or grape juice. The grape juice is white and is located in the center of the tray. **If you are unable to come forward, let an usher know, and communion will be brought to you.***

Music during Communion

"Lamb of God"



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

(10:45) **Anthem** — "Praise His Holy Name"

Keith Hampton

*Sing till the power of the Lord come down. Shout hallelujah! Praise his holy name!
Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me; I once was lost,
but now I'm found, was blind, but now I see. Jesus, how I love thee! Shout Hallelujah!
Praise his holy name! Must Jesus bear the cross alone and all the world go free? No,
there's a cross for everyone and there's a cross for me. Holy Jesus, Praise his name!
Hallelujah! Praise his holy name! Praise him!*

Hymn — ELW No. 445

"Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters"

Hymn — ELW No. 674

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

***Post-Communion Blessing**

***Prayer after Communion**

- ☞ Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus’ name we pray. ☞ **Amen.**

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD’S WORLD

***Blessing**

Response: ☞ **Amen.**

***Sending Hymn** — ELW No. 504

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

***Dismissal**

- ☞ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
☞ **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude — ON EIN FESTE BURG

Charles Ore



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SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Preaching	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Ministers	(8:30) Hassanally Family (10:45) Confirmands
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Horn	Delaney Breen
Choir	(10:45) St. John's Chorale
Piano	(10:45) Jane Moore, David Sims
Communion Service	Craig Schultz
Greeters	(8:30) TBD (10:45) TBD
Coffee Service	Angie Gehring
Counters	Brenda Bultman, Jane Rizzo, Mark Ulmer
Ushers	(8:30) Barry Becker, Rob Nutt, Mark Polzin, Bruce Rickert (10:45) Confirmands' Families and Mentors

Learning and Fellowship Between Services

This Week (October 29)

Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall
Sunday School: Preschool–Grade 5 (9:45–10:30 a.m., Lower Level)
Sunday Youth Gathering: Grades 6–12 (9:45–10:30 a.m., Youth Room)

Next Week (November 5)

Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall
Fair Trade Sales of Coffee and More, Commons
Sunday School: Preschool–Grade 5 (9:45–10:30 a.m., Lower Level)
Sunday Youth Gathering: Grades 6–12 (9:45–10:30 a.m., Youth Room)
St. John's Forum (9:45–10:30 a.m., Sanctuary)
Accompany (10:00–10:40 a.m., Undercroft)

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (November 5):

All Saints Sunday

Revelation 7:9-17 † Psalm 34:1-10, 22 † 1 John 3:1-3 † Matthew 5:1-12

Announcements

Additional announcements can be found in the weekly E-Voice.

Today's Radio Broadcast is given by Marilyn Calcutt in memory of her daughter, Lori. Sunday services are broadcast on KYMN Radio 1080AM / 95.1FM at 8:30 a.m. on Sundays. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast (cost is \$160), please contact Leah Garlie at office@StJohnsNorthfield.org or 507-645-4429. Available Dates: November 12 and December 10, 17, 24, 25 & 31.

A Future With Hope

What gives you hope? Sunrises, the green shoots of a perennial in spring, witnessing acts of love or kindness? The youth at St. John's are part of our future with hope. In June and July, our young people participate in summer camps that combine fun and friends with experiences that enrich their faith journeys. The Middle School and High School youth participated in a mission trip to Nashville that included youth and chaperones from St. Peter's and First UCC. Three of the five adult chaperones for St. John's were former youth participants: Jaida Gehring, Mia Becker, and Seth Hanson!

Stewardship 2024 Appeal is Underway

Members should have received a mailing including a pledge card, or you may respond electronically on the website, or using the QR code. As you prayerfully consider your giving intentions for next year, the Stewardship Board challenges you to consider increasing your giving over 2023 by 1% of your income. See the skit from Sunday, October 8, on the website for a little help with the "advanced" math!



Courageous Conversations: "Hope and Resilience in Palestine"

Thursday, November 2, 7:00 p.m., St. John's Hall

Please join us for our November Courageous Conversations: "Hope and Resilience in Palestine." Kris Ducett, Director of Bright Stars of Bethlehem, will share stories of inspiring young people from DAK University of Arts and Culture, founded by Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb, a Palestinian Lutheran theologian and author. UPDATE: Within hours of Ducett's return from ten days in Palestine/Israel, our world was changed. Along with our Bright Stars friends, we are heartbroken, and mourn the loss of thousands of Palestinian and Israeli lives. Please come to hear Ducett's stories and updates on this crisis, and hear how we might BE the hope for these Bright Stars of Bethlehem and all of Palestine/Israel.

A/V Team...

If you love livestreaming and don't think you're the person to help directly, share your ideas about who might be able to help. Contact Leah Garlie at office@StJohnsNorthfield.org or 507-645-4429 to get connected to the A/V team.

Announcements (continued)

St. John's Forum: *Jason Ripley—Anti-Judaism and the New Testament*

Sunday, November 5, 9:45–10:30 a.m., Sanctuary

This session explores the Jewish context and character of the early Jesus movement as a way of contextualizing the anti-Jewish rhetoric embedded within the New Testament. We will discuss Jesus' identity as a particular type of Jew who challenges other competing Jewish notions of the Kingdom of God in the face of Roman imperial rule. We will also examine several key New Testament passages that were later employed to justify hostility and murder of Jews across the centuries in order to sensitize us to the problems and to suggest possibilities for interpreting these passages today.

Sing Boldly!

Monday, October 30, 7:00–8:30 p.m., The Contented Cow

Join the community chorus for a hymn song sing-a-long for sinners and saints of all sorts. There will be Reformation-themed songbooks all set, a group of musicians prepared to play, plus beer and wine and non-alcoholic beverages ready to be poured (so that all whistles can remain whetted whilst happily harmonizing).

Oral History Update

Available now on the St. John's website is a 2019 oral history interview with Jo and Dick Kleber. They moved to Northfield in 1960 (Dick joining the St. Olaf Math faculty), and became members of St. John's that same year. The interview includes insights into nearly six decades of change and leadership at St. John's. You can hear the interviews by clicking on the "About" tab on the main page of the website, and then scroll down to "Oral Histories."

Children and Youth

Annual Northfield All-ELCA Gathering for Middle & High School Youth and Parents

Wednesday, November 1, 6:15–7:30 p.m.

Watch for more details coming soon, but for now know, that our speaker will be Louis Epstein and we will enjoy music from Louis & Dan and the Invisible Band.

Come in your PJs to Movie Morning!

Monday, November 6 (No School Day!), 9:00–11:00 a.m.

Kids 5th grade and younger are invited to come in their pajamas to movie morning at St. John's. Come for breakfast and stay to watch a movie. Feel free to bring friends! Children younger than kindergarten need to be accompanied by a parent. Sign up on the bulletin board in the lower or upper Commons or email Julie at children@StJohnsNorthfield.org. Parent help is appreciated. Let Julie know if you can lend a hand.

Prayer Requests

We are called to remember one another in prayer. The church office has been made aware of the following persons for whom we pray today. This list is also for your use this week.

Healing and Support

Those in the hospital or in need of healing

Shirley Anderson, Cindy Clauson, John Ferguson, Roberta Morse, Andy Nelson, Kent Rommereim, Wendy Scholz, Gail Nemy (mother of Lori Skoglund), George Schneider (father of Betsy Gasior)

Those mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of Lester Gunderson

Those with ongoing health concerns

Jo Chambers, Billi Faillettaz, Bob Flaten, Jane Gelle, Greta Matzner-Gore, Donna James, Carolyn Jennings, Dolores Nelson, Becky Ness, Paul Peterson, Scott Quinnell, Alice Rickert, Laila Burns Hedstrom, Karl Jacobson (son of Pastor Del Jacobson)

All who are homebound, including

VaLois Mandsager, Richard Olson, Elouise Quinnell

Involved in the mission of the church who have ties to St. John's

The Savior (El Salvador) Lutheran Church in El Cocuy, Colombia;
Iambi Lutheran Church in Iambi, Tanzania; Katie Larson, ELCA missionary in Colombia

Prayer Requests / Stephen Ministry Requests

Stephen Ministry Requests

Call one of the pastors at 507-645-4429.

Prayer Chain Requests

Contact Mary Cisar at 507-663-1097 or macisar@gmail.com, or contact a pastor.

Wednesday Night



**Served from 5:15–6:15 p.m.
in St. John's Hall**

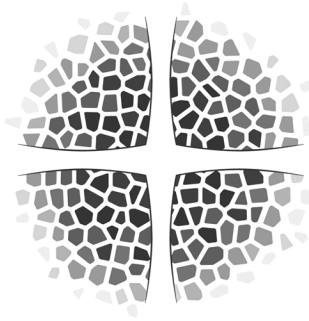
Menu for Wednesday, November 1:
Enchilada Bake
(Vegetarian Option Available)

*Wednesday Meals are made and served completely by people donating their time and talents.
Dessert contributions are always welcome and needed!*

This Week At-a-Glance

The full calendar of events and building usage can be accessed on our website at www.StJohnsNorthfield.org.

Monday, Oct. 30	12:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom
	4:00 p.m.	Audit Committee, Fireside Room
	6:30 p.m.	Stephen Ministers, Fireside Room
Tuesday, Oct. 31	7:45 a.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall
	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting, Fireside Room
	1:00 p.m.	Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room
	5:00 p.m.	Laura Baker Services Association, St. John's Hall
Wednesday, Nov. 1	12:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study, Fireside Room
	3:45 p.m.	Afterschool Programming (Kindergarten-Grade 5), St. John's
	5:15 p.m.	Wednesday Night Meal, St. John's Hall
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Knitters, St. John's Library
	6:15 p.m.	High School Youth Group, Youth Room
	6:30 p.m.	All-ELCA Gathering (Grades 6-8), Bethel Lutheran Church
	7:00 p.m.	Where Politics Meets Faith Conversation Group, Fireside Room St. John's Chorale, Room 209
Thursday, Nov. 2	7:45 a.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall
	9:00 a.m.	Quilters, Fellowship Hall
	9:30 a.m.	Communion at Millstream Commons, Offsite
	10:30 a.m.	Communion at Benedictine Living Community, Offsite
	6:00 p.m.	Rejoice Ringers, Balcony
	7:00 p.m.	Women of St. John's Courageous Conversations, St. John's Hall
Friday, Nov. 3	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
Saturday, Nov. 4	3:00 p.m.	Cannon Valley Regional Orchestra Concert, St. John's Hall
Sunday, Nov. 5	8:30 a.m.	Worship / Nursery, Sanctuary <i>(For the schedule between services, please see page 11)</i>
	10:45 a.m.	Worship / Nursery, Sanctuary
	6:00 p.m.	Northfield Goal Club (HS Boys Soccer), St. John's Hall



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Angie Gehring, *Shared Ministry Coordinator*
Sally Lindell, *Parish Nurse*
Arielle Loy, *Alleluia Choir Director and Early Childhood Specialist*
Kristin Partlo, *Director of Ministry with Youth & Families*
Nathan Proctor, *Organist and Director of Worship, Music & Arts*
David Sims and Will Fecko, *Directors of Rejoice Ringers*

Call the church office or check the website for a complete listing of staff emails.