



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 2, 2025 † 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.*

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

The festival of All Saints occurs just as the landscape in the northern hemisphere heralds the dying of plants and the quiet of winter rest. In like manner, the readings and liturgy of this day call us to rejoice in all the saints: those who have died and now rest in Christ, those who live now, and those yet to come.

The Christian church celebrates “greatness” in a markedly different way than our world. Jesus calls blessed those who are meek, grieving, peaceful, and merciful, and we claim “sainthood” for anyone who has died with Christ in the waters of baptism. The Christian community speaks honestly about human frailty and mortality. At the same time, we confess our faith in the risen Lord, in the communion of saints, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.

This morning we remember by name 14 saints of St. John's who have died since All Saints Sunday 2024. They were beloved children, parents, and siblings. Among them were professors, farmers, musicians, and homemakers. Some greeted death like a friend; others were gone from us much too quickly. They were sinners and saints at the same time, claimed by God in the waters of baptism and redeemed by Christ's promises.

Today we give thanks for them, and for all the beloved dead we bring on our hearts, and remember God's promise to us that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

*You are invited to light a candle at the front
of the sanctuary in memory of a loved one.*

Prelude — “Elegy”

James Biery

Rachel Christensen, violin

Welcome and Announcements

Stewardship Temple Talk

***Gathering Hymn — ELW No. 423**

“Shall We Gather at the River”
setting by John Ferguson

Please stand at the conclusion of the introduction.

Stanza 1 — all

Stanza 2 — harmony

Stanza 3 — all

Stanza 4 — harmony, gently

***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, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those you love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☑ **Amen.**

Litany for All Saints

P Let us remember all the saints before God.

We praise and bless you, O holy Trinity. You have taught your church that it is an ageless communion of saints. We thank you for gathering those who faithfully waited in hope for the redemption you promised, and now for adding us who celebrate the love of Christ for the redemption of the world. Prepare a place for us among those who are already with you. Help us remember them as an encouragement to saintly living, exciting us to love, in anticipation of an eternal reunion. With them we praise and bless you, O holy Trinity.

P Christ says, Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart,

All and you will find rest for your souls.

P For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light,

All and you will find rest for your souls.

P God of grace and glory,
we remember before you today our brothers and sisters:

✝ Lois Pearson	✝ Paul Klinefelter
✝ Joan Halvorson	✝ John Ferguson
✝ Donna James	✝ Iva Dodson
✝ Charles Houge	✝ Myrna Otte
✝ Billi Failletaz	✝ Jack Schwandt
✝ Scott Quinnell	✝ Erik Johnson
✝ Kathy Vang	✝ Joann Bell

P Gracious God, we rejoice with thanksgiving for new saints you have claimed as your own, washed in the waters of baptism this year.
We thank you for:

✝ Ian Johnson	✝ Samuel Shumway
✝ Brenna Neuger	✝ Rowena Luedtke
✝ Valerie Kastner	✝ Trey Bilderback
✝ Valerie McGuire	✝ Addison Monson
✝ Olive Tennyson	✝ Lee Tennyson
✝ Kai Rifat Islehart	✝ Madeline Ostertag
✝ Andrew Ostertag	✝ Sigrid Cheadle Pearson
✝ Aidan Thoma	

(8:30) **Anthem** — “The Lamb”

John Ferguson

*Little Lamb who made thee dost thou know who made thee gave thee life and
bid thee feed. By the stream and over the mead; gave thee clothing of delight,
softest clothing woolly bright; gave thee such a tender voice, making all the
vales rejoice! Little Lamb I'll tell thee! He is called by thy name, for he calls
himself a Lamb: he is meek, he is mild, he became a little child: I a child
and thou a lamb, we are called by his name. Little Lamb God bless thee.*

– William Blake

Jo Ann Polley, clarinet

St. John's Chorale

(10:45) **Solo** — “Children of the Heavenly Father”

arr. John Ferguson

HEARING GOD'S WORD



Children's Message

“Wonders of Worship”

I won-der. I won-der. The won-ders of wor-ship,
what does it mean? I won-der. I won-der. The won-ders of wor-ship,
what does it mean? Come and see! Come now and see!

Text and Music: Anne Krentz Organ

First Reading — Ephesians 1:11-23

Pew Bible, page 949

After the reading:

☐ The word of the Lord.

☒ Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation



*Gospel — Luke 6:20-31

Spark Story Bible, page 264

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 6th chapter.

G Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁰Then [Jesus] looked up at his disciples and said: “Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. ²²Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man.

²³Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

²⁴“But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. ²⁵Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. ²⁶Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

²⁷“But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; ²⁸bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Jonathan Davis

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ACS No. 1030

“Death Be Never Last”

***The Apostles' Creed**

Front of ACS hymnal, page 17

***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) III. "Shema" from *Sacred Place*

Alex Berko

The earth says have a place, be what that place requires; hear the sound the birds imply and see as deep as ridges go behind each other. The earth says every summer have a ranch that's minimum: one tree, one well, a landscape that proclaims a universe—sermon of the hills, hallelujah mountain, highway guided by the way the world is tilted, reduplication of mirage, flat evening: a kind of ritual for the wavering. The earth says where you live wear the kind of color that your life is and by listening with the same bowed head that sings draw all things into one song, join the sparrow on the lawn and row that easy way, the rage without met by the wings within that guide you anywhere the wind blows. Listening, I think that's what the earth says.

– William Stafford

Ian Carter, tenor

(10:45) "Beautiful Savior"

Aaron David Miller

***Offering Hymn** — "For the Fruit of All Creation" stanza 1

AR HYD Y NOS

**For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
For these gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.
For the tending, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safe-keeping, thanks be to God.**

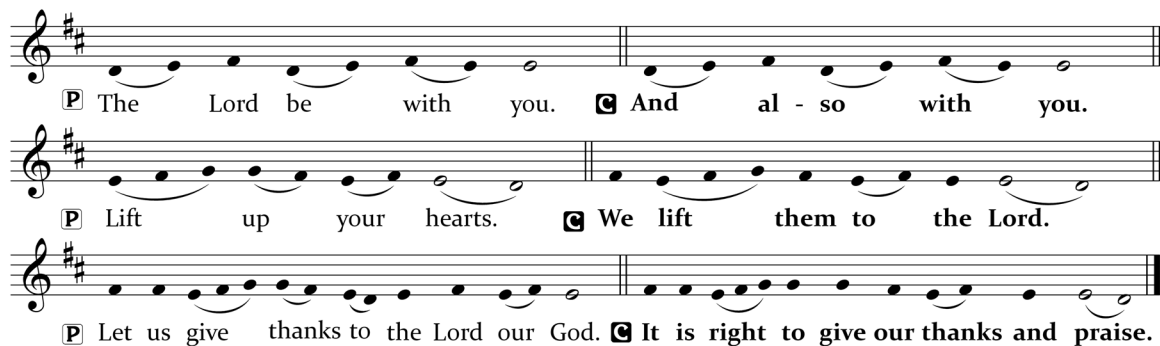
*Offering Prayer

L Let us pray.

C God of all goodness, generations have gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. As we gather these gifts and give thanks, we remember and care for all you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Great Thanksgiving

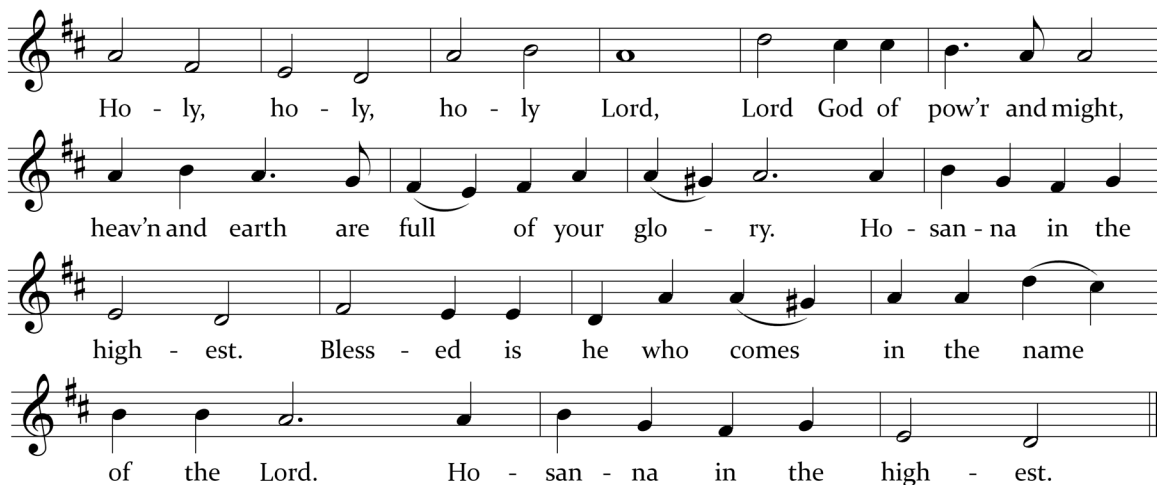


P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

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, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n 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.

*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, grant us peace.

Hymn — ELW No. 781

"Children of the Heavenly Father"

Hymn — ELW No. 838

"Beautiful Savior"

*Post-Communion Blessing

***Sending of Communion to the Sick and Homebound**

***Prayer after Communion**

- ℣ Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet.
Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of
your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts
as we meet you on the way.
- ☩ Amen.

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

***Blessing**

Response:

- ☩ Amen.

***Sending Hymn — ELW No. 422**

“For All the Saints”

Stanzas 1 & 2 — all
Stanza 3 — all in harmony
Stanza 4 — bass voices
Stanza 5 — treble voices
Stanzas 6 & 7 — all

***Dismissal**

- ℣ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- ☩ Thanks be to God!

Postlude — “O Day Full of Grace”

F. Melius Christiansen
arr. Bryan King



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Preaching	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Minister	Sandi Gerdes
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Violin	Rachel Christensen
Choir	(8:30) St. John's Chorale
Clarinet	(8:30) Jo Ann Polley
Cello	(8:30) Gerrit Vanderschoot
Soloist	(8:30) Ian Carter, Church Music Intern
Communion Prep	Craig Schultz
Communion Cleanup	Beth Cox
Greeters	(8:30) Mary Ellen North, Pam Groves-Gaggioli; (10:45) TBD
Coffee Service	Doug Johnson, Karen Schuette
Treats	Rhonda Reece, Karen Schuette
Counters	Dan Franklin, Judd Lohmann, Mark Ulmer
Ushers	(8:30) Doug Child, Rick Hillard, Doug Johnson, Jim Sharrow (10:45) Charles Cannon, Jon and Alison Kavanaugh, Gordon Moore

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Learning and Fellowship Between Services

This Week (November 2)

Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall
Fair Trade Sales of Coffee and More, Commons
Accompany (9:45–10:40 a.m., Undercroft)

Next Week (November 9)

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)
St. John's Forum (9:45–10:30 a.m., St. John's Hall)
Accompany (9:45–10:30 a.m., Undercroft)

Announcements

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

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in memory of Guenther Moesler by Allene Moesler. 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), contact the church office at office@StJohnsNorthfield.org or 507-645-4429. Next available dates: December 7, 14, 21 & 28.

Today's Altar Flowers are given in memory of Joan Halvorson by her family.

A Grief Gathering for those who have lost loved ones in the past year is being hosted by the Faith & Health Board Wednesday evening following the worship service at 7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room. Whether or not your loved one's name was lifted up in our All Saints Sunday service today, you are welcome to join the board and Pastor Fickenscher for refreshments and a brief time of reflection on living in the midst of grief.

Wednesday Worship in November

Join us for worship this **Wednesday, November 5, at 6:15 p.m.** in the Sanctuary. We'll gather in the middle of our busy week to breathe, pray, and join together in community. We will pause and give thanks for all the saints who have been part of our lives. You are invited to bring a photo or memento of your loved one. Dinner will be served in St. John's Hall from 5:15–6:15 p.m. followed by worship. Children of all ages are welcome.

Courageous Conversations: *Creating Responsive Quality Healthcare in Our Community*

Thursday, November 6, 7:00 p.m., St. John's Hall

Charlie Mandile and Daisey Sanchez will share how their innovative model of health care shifts the center of gravity to patients and communities. Dr. Amy Ripley will moderate a conversation on how we can join this movement to making healthcare effective and accessible for all.

Come in your PJs to Movie Morning!

Tomorrow, Monday, November 3 (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.

Let's Go Bowling!

Who: Grades 6–12, Friends are always welcome!

Where: Flaherty Northfield Lanes, Hwy 3, Northfield

When: Tomorrow, Monday, November 3—**NO SCHOOL!**, 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Cost: \$12.00/youth for 2 games and shoe rental

Please sign up online or on the bulletin board in the Commons or downstairs by the Youth Room. Parents: Please drop off and pick up at the bowling alley.

Announcements (continued)

Stewardship 2026 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 2025 by 1% of your income.



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Come Have Lunch

The Adult Ministry & Education Board invites you for a lunchtime conversation on Sunday, November 16, from noon to 1:30 p.m. in St. John's Hall. As part of our fall series on responding faithfully to climate change, the focus of our conversation will be that morning's presentation on *Laudato Si'*, the message Pope Francis wrote "to every person living on this planet," about how we can and should be caring for our common home. Our speaker for that day, Dr. Colleen Carpenter, will launch the discussion which will give us the opportunity to imagine faithful, practical responses to climate change. We will need RSVPs for lunch. Sign-up in the Commons.

Join Us for Mission Morning

Saturday, November 8, 9:00–11:00 a.m., St. John's Hall

Calling all women! You are invited to Mission Morning. Have a fun morning of kit packing, quilt tying, bandage rolling, fellowship, making new friends, and changing the world for the better... one kit at a time. Check out the kit examples on display between services today.

St. John's Forum: *Courage, Conversion, Care—Responding Faithfully to Climate Change*

Next Sunday, November 9, 9:45–10:30 a.m., St. John's Hall

Dr. Timothy Eberhart addresses the ethical dimensions of responding to climate change in his Forum presentation, "*Called to Be Creatures: Dietrich Bonhoeffer's Ecological Theology for a World in Crisis.*" Dr. Eberhart is the Robert and Marilyn Degler McClean Associate Professor of Ecological Theology & Practice and director of the Center for Ecological Regeneration at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary.

VOICES OF ST. JOHN'S

On Giving & Receiving



The number of people who give of their time and talents to cook, usher, quilt, garden, sing, teach, lead small groups, prepare communion, serve funerals, be Stephen ministers, be cantors, serve on committees, makes St. John's a caring and welcoming community. I am glad to be a part of it.



- Anonymous

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

Bob Flaten, Fred Huemoeller, Dagfinn Moe, Glen Norgaard (father of Brett Norgaard)

Those mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of Joann Bell

Family of Michael Taggart (father of Steve Taggart)

Those with ongoing health concerns

David Halsor, Greta Matzner-Gore, Dolores Nelson, Patrice Nordstrand,

David Norman, Mary Ellen North, Alice Rickert, Ruth Smestad Anglin,

Ingrid Alberding, Darlene Schloeder (mother of April Fitzloff)

All who are homebound, including

Janice Helgeson, Carol Johnson

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

Contact 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.



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

Menu for Wednesday, November 5:
Chicken Wild Rice Casserole

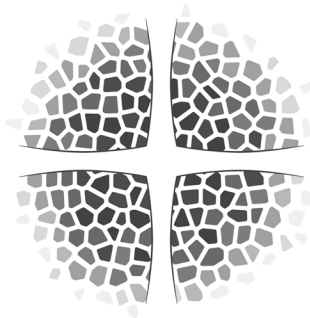
All are welcome!

*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, Nov. 3	9:00 a.m.	Movie Morning (Grades K-5), Commons and St. John's Theater
		Monday Exercise Event, Fellowship Hall
	9:30 a.m.	WELCA Executive Board Meeting, Undercroft
	11:00 a.m.	Bowling Event (Grades 6-12), Flaherty's Northfield Lanes
	12:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom
	1:00 p.m.	Visitation - Kathy Vang, Commons
	2:00 p.m.	Funeral - Kathy Vang, Sanctuary
Tuesday, Nov. 4	6:00 p.m.	Pub Theology, Flaherty's Northfield Lanes
	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
	6:30 p.m.	Wellspring Circle, St. John's Library
	7:00 p.m.	Stephen Minister Training, Fireside Room
Wednesday, Nov. 5		NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), Youth Room
	2:00 p.m.	Nominating Committee, 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.	Worship ~ Vespers, Sanctuary
		Confirmation (Grades 6-8), Undercroft
Thursday, Nov. 6		High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12), Youth Room
	6:45 p.m.	Politics & Faith Discussion Group, St. John's Library
	7:00 p.m.	St. John's Chorale, Room 209
		Remembrance Gathering, Fireside Room
	7:45 a.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall
	9:00 a.m.	Quilting & Bandage Rolling, Fellowship Hall
	9:30 a.m.	Communion at Millstream Commons, Offsite
Friday, Nov. 7	10:30 a.m.	Communion at Benedictine Living Community, Offsite
	4:00 p.m.	Suzuki Kids, Room 19
	6:00 p.m.	Rejoice Ringers, Sanctuary
	7:00 p.m.	Courageous Conversations, St. John's Hall
	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
Saturday, Nov. 8	9:00 a.m.	Mission Morning, St. John's Hall and Fellowship Hall



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