

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION † ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 3, 2024 † 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 25 saints of St. John's who have died since All Saints
Sunday 2023. They were ages 24 to 101, beloved children, parents, and siblings. Among them
were pastors, professors, farmers, bankers, musicians, and homemakers. Some greeted death
like a friend; others were taken from us with shocking speed. 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 re-
member 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 — “Aria”

Gerald Near

Welcome and Announcements

Stewardship Temple Talk

(10:45) **Anthem** — “We Are All Saints”

Michael Morris

Jubilate Choir

***Gathering 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

***Greeting**

- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C** **And also with you.**

***Prayer of the Day**

- P** 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.
- C** **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:

+ Lyla Paulson	+ Andrew Nelson
+ Judith Stoutland	+ Rose Youngquist
+ Van Miller	+ Jerry Anderson
+ Paul Peterson	+ Shirley Anderson
+ Dalton Distad	+ Jane Gelle
+ Wendy Scholz	+ Elouise Quinnell
+ Elaine Hope	+ Karin Norgaard
+ Connie Gunderson	+ Winnifred Alberg
+ Pamela Nerhus	+ Patricia Halsor
+ Carol Solid	+ H. B. "Bernie" Renander
+ Joanne Dahlin	+ Wayne Eddy
+ Richard Kleber	+ Lois Pearson
+ Jeanne Narum	

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:

+ Logan Kuehn
+ Leo Mader
+ Ian Johnson

(8:30) **Anthem** — “Nunc Dimittis”

Charles Villiers Stanford

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; to be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. – Luke 2:29-32

(10:45) **Solo** — “Nunc Dimittis”

Robert Scholz

Lacy Williams, soprano

HEARING GOD’S WORD

First Reading — Isaiah 25:6-9

Pew Bible, page 568

After the reading:

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

Second Reading — Revelation 21:1-6a

Pew Bible, page 1007

After the reading:

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

***Gospel Acclamation**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

📖 The Holy Gospel according to John, the 11th chapter.

📖 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” ³⁷But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

📖 The Gospel of the Lord.

📖 **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Pam Fickenscher

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) "Pilgrims' Hymn" from *The Three Hermits*

Stephen Paulus

Even before we call on your name to ask you, O God, when we seek for the words to glorify you, you hear our prayer; unceasing love, surpassing all we know. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Even with darkness sealing us in, we breath your name, and through all the days that follow so fast, we trust in you; endless your grace, beyond all mortal dream. Both now and forever, and unto ages and ages, amen. – Michael Dennis Browne

St. John's Chorale

(10:45) "How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings"

Samuel Liddle

How lovely are thy dwellings, O Lord of Hosts! My soul longeth, yea, fainteth, for the courts of the Lord: my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God. Yea, the sparrow hath found her a house, and the swallow a nest, where she may lay her young, even thine altars, O Lord of Hosts, my king and my God. O Lord God of Hosts, hear my prayer. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness. For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. – from Psalm 84

*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.**

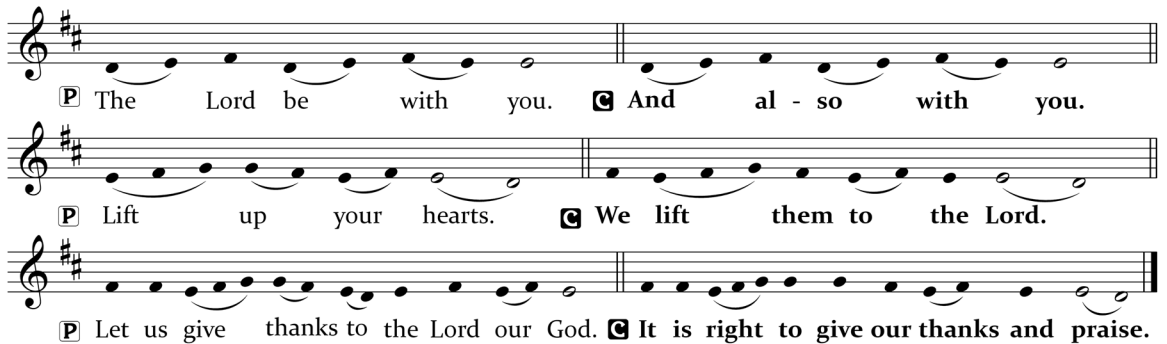
*Offering Prayer

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

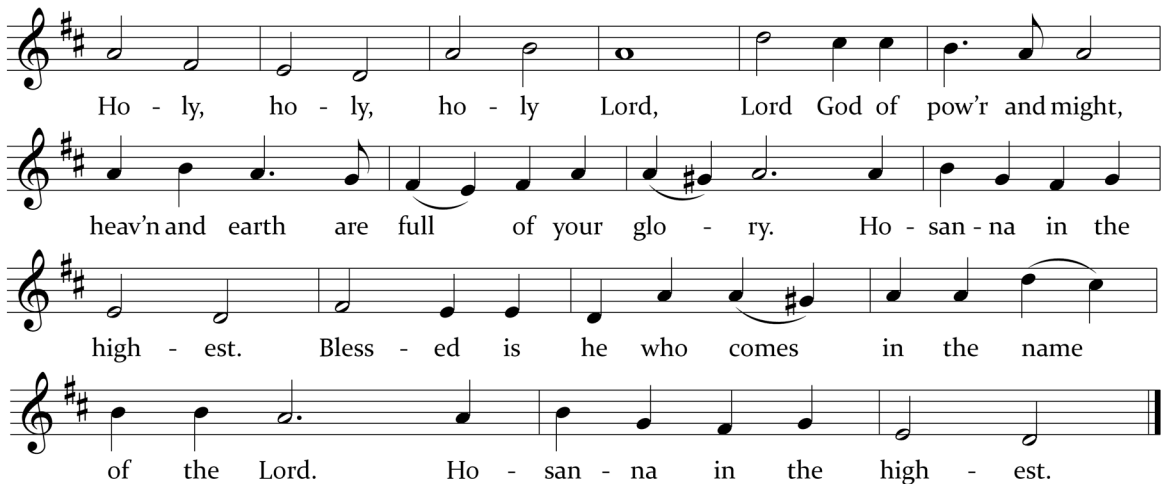


P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

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. 423

“Shall We Gather at the River”

***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. 838

“Beautiful Savior”

***Dismissal**

- ☐ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- ☑ Thanks be to God!

Postlude — “Nimrod” from *Enigma Variations*

Edward Elgar
transcription, Alan Ridout



Following worship today, family members are invited to take a white carnation in memory or in honor of their loved one who was remembered in the All Saints litany this morning.

SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Ministers	(8:30) Scott Swanson (10:45) Joanne Smestad Clausen
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choirs	(8:30) St. John's Chorale (10:45) Jubilate Choir; Green Bouzard, director
Soloist	(10:45) Lacy Williams
Communion Prep	Jill Enestvedt
Communion Cleanup	TBD
Greeters	(8:30) Pam Groves-Gaggioli, Mary Ellen North; (10:45) TBD
Coffee Service	Gerri Licke
Treats	Carol Benson, Rhonda Reece
Counters	Brenda Bultman, Bill and Jane Rizzo
Ushers	(8:30) Doug Child, Rick Hillard, Doug Johnson, Jim Sharrow (10:45) Chuck Cannon, Jon and Allison Kavanaugh, Gordon Moore

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Learning and Fellowship Between Services

This Week (November 3)

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)
Accompany (9:45–10:30 a.m., Undercroft)

Next Week (November 10)

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., Sanctuary)
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 parents Louis & Lucille and siblings Harold & Lana by Kathy Vang. 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 10.

A Grief Gathering for those who have lost loved ones in the past year is being hosted by the Faith & Health Board tomorrow evening at 6:00 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.

Open Prayer Time for the Election

Tomorrow evening from 6:30–8:00 p.m. the Sanctuary will be open for a time of individual prayer on the eve of Election Day. You are welcome to stop by at any time—for 5 minutes or the whole time—for quiet reflection, candle lighting, and prayers for our country and its leaders. A prayer resource for individual use will be available.

St John's Forum Series: *Rediscovering Genesis* Sundays at 9:45 a.m.

This fall, St. John's Forum has returned to the old, familiar stories of Genesis that many of us learned in Sunday School. See the schedule for this month below.

- November 10: *Tamar and the Forgotten Ones* with Pastor Pam Fickenscher
- November 17: *Joseph—One Big Happy Family?* with Pastor Jonathan Davis

From the Property and Grounds Board

Thank you to all who helped make the Fall Churchyard Cleanup on Saturday, October 26, extremely successful! Much work was accomplished. Hedges were trimmed, dead wood was removed, weeds were pulled, perennials were clipped off, numerous leaves were swept and raked, and many trailer loads of yard debris were hauled to the compost site. Also, a special thank you goes out to the Adopt-A-Garden individuals or families who worked to make our church grounds pleasant throughout the entire growing season.

Stewardship 2025 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 2024 by 1% of your income.



Announcements (continued)

Courageous Conversations: We Belong to One Another
“The Interconnectedness of Everything”

Thursday, November 7, 7:00–8:30 p.m., St. John’s Hall

Heidi Goldberg, printmaker, fiber artist, and Professor Emeriti of Concordia College, will share the process of her creative work. Through a fusion of printmaking, weaving and a deep reverence for nature, she invites viewers into a world of beauty and introspection. Rooted in nature and the issues of our world, Goldberg’s art combines mixed media to explore “that which heals” through making and connection. Several of her large-scale panels are on display in St. John’s Hall.

Advent Fair, Wednesday, December 4

Wednesday Night Meal at 5:15 p.m. and Advent Fair Activities from 5:45–7:00 p.m.

Everyone is invited to St. John’s Advent Fair on Wednesday, December 4, in St. John’s Hall. Come enjoy our Wednesday Night Meal and Advent activities for all ages. We encourage you to bring friends. The more the merrier!

Can you help with Advent Fair?

- Dinner—set-up, serve or clean-up
- Help with crafts/activities
- Food demonstrations—show us how to make your favorite Christmas treat!

Contact Julie Brehmer if you have questions at children@StJohnsNorthfield.org

Children and Youth

Come in your PJs to Movie Morning!

Monday, November 4 (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: Monday, November 4—**NO SCHOOL!**

Time: 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. If your youth needs a ride or financial assistance to participate, give Kristin a call at 507-645-4429. Parent or high school chaperones are needed and much appreciated.

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

Ingrid Alberding, Barbara Davis, Sandi Gerdes, Fred Huemoeller, Erik Maakestad, Diane Melbye, Genevieve Quarberg, Carol Schoen, Craig Schultz, Kathy Vang

Those mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of Lois Pearson
Family of Jeanne Narum

Those with ongoing health concerns

Jo Chambers, Billi Faillettaz, John Ferguson, Bob Flaten, Paul Klinefelter, Greta Matzner-Gore, Donna James, Carolyn Jennings, Dolores Nelson, Becky Ness, Cynthia Neubecker, Mary Ellen North, Scott Quinnell, Alice Rickert, Kent Rommereim, Ruth Smestad Anglin, Laila Burns Hedstrom, George Schneider (father of Betsy Gasior)

All who are homebound, including

David Halsor, Janice Helgeson

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

St. John's Stephen Ministers offer care to those in a variety of difficult situations. If you or someone you know would benefit from some time with a Stephen Minister, contact one of the pastors at 645-4429.

Wednesday Night



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

Menu for Wednesday, November 6:
*Chicken Wild Rice Casserole
(Vegetarian Option Available)*

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. 4	9:00 a.m.	Movie Morning (Grades K-5), Commons and St. John's Theater
	11:00 a.m.	Bowling Event (Grades 6-12), Flaherty's Northfield Lanes
	12:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom
	6:00 p.m.	All Saints Gathering, Fireside Room Pub Theology, Contented Cow
	7:00 p.m.	Northfield Girl Scouts Leaders Meeting, Undercroft
Tuesday, Nov. 5		City of Northfield - General Election, St. John's Hall
	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, Fireside Room
	7:00 p.m.	NAMI, Youth Room Northfield Rotary, St. John's Library
Wednesday, Nov. 6	11:00 a.m.	Personnel Committee, Undercroft
	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.	Confirmation (Grades 6-8), Undercroft
	7:00 p.m.	High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12), Youth Room St. John's Chorale, Room 209
Thursday, Nov. 7	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 p.m.	Communion at Benedictine Living Community, Offsite
	6:00 p.m.	Rejoice Ringers, Sanctuary
	7:00 p.m.	Courageous Conversations, St. John's Hall
Friday, Nov. 8	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	1:00 p.m.	Mary Circle, Fireside Room
	7:00 p.m.	NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
Saturday, Nov. 9	9:00 a.m.	Women's Breakfast Group, Fireside Room
Sunday, Nov. 10	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
	12:15 p.m.	New Member Welcome Lunch, St. John's Hall



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