



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 4, 2018 † 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 red books at the end of the pews.

Please pass them down to the center and then back
so you can greet those worshipping around you.
Ushers will gather these following worship.

In the red pew hymnal (Evangelical Lutheran Worship),
page numbers are at the bottom of the page in the front section,
and hymn numbers are at the top of the page in the hymn section.

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

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 20 saints of St. John's who have died since All Saints Sunday 2017. They were fathers and mothers, beloved grandparents, sisters and brothers. Among them were pastors and professors, nurses and homemakers, coaches and real estate agents. 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 remember God's promise to us that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

*As you enter the sanctuary, each family is invited to
light a candle in memory of a loved one.*

Prelude — *Sonata III*
“Andante tranquillo”

Felix Mendelssohn

***Thanksgiving for Baptism** — *Front of the Hymnal, page 280*

***Processional Hymn** — No. 422

“For All the Saints”

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

***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 your 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.

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

+ Wesley Pearson	+ Jessie Lindberg
+ Gert Brosz	+ Wilbur Christensen
+ Edward Lindell	+ Larry Christenson
+ Margaret Nokleberg	+ LouAnn Huemoeller
+ Pamela Schwandt	+ Verg Haugen
+ Arlene Graham	+ Douglas Trangsrud
+ Larry Severson	+ Elaine Kringen
+ Nordis Christenson	+ Joseph Nesheim
+ Margaret Hayford O'Leary	+ Millie Berg
+ Robert Gelle	+ Richard Dahlin

P Heavenly Father, we rejoice with thanksgiving at these new saints you have claimed as your own, washed in the waters of baptism this year. We thank you for

+ Quinn Erickson	+ Jason Jackson, Jr.
+ Quinn Traaseth	+ Isaac Loy
+ Nora Lauer	+ Owen Brownlee
+ Jonah Brownlee	+ Jacob Brownlee
+ Rachel Bownlee	+ Harper Holk

Anthem — “Jesus Loves Me”

William Bradbury, arr. John Ferguson

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 Procession** — No. 426

“Sing with All the Saints in Glory”

Stanza 1

***Gospel** — John 11:32-44

Spark Story Bible, page 440; Pew Bible, page 874

Before the reading:

- 📖 The Holy Gospel according to John, the 11th chapter.
- 👏 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After the reading:

- 📖 The Gospel of the Lord.
- 👏 **Praise to you, O Christ.**

***Gospel Procession** — No. 426

“Sing with All the Saints in Glory”

Stanza 3

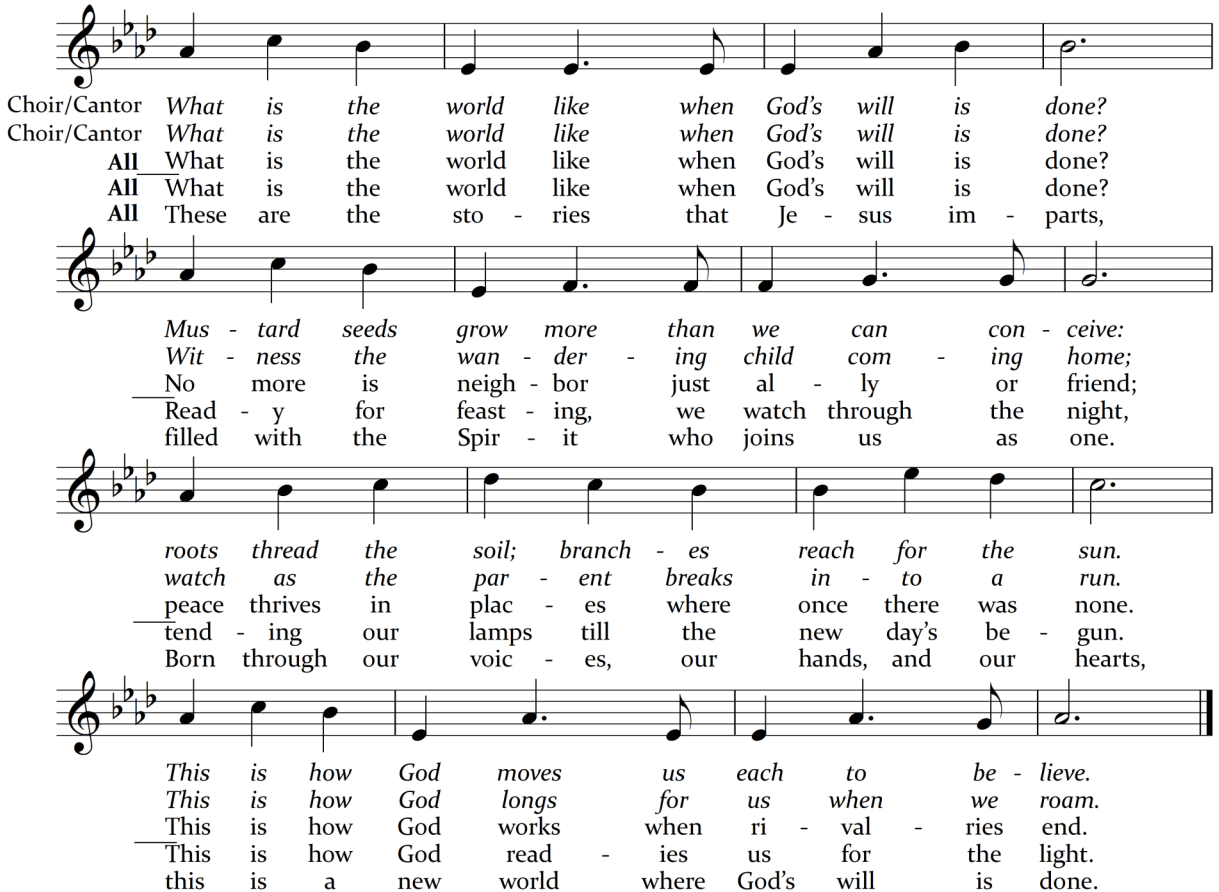
Sermon

Pastor Pam Fickenscher

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — “What is the World Like”

NEW WORLD



Choir/Cantor *What is the world like when God's will is done?*
 Choir/Cantor *What is the world like when God's will is done?*
 All *What is the world like when God's will is done?*
 All *What is the world like when God's will is done?*
 All *These are the stories that Jesus imparted,*
Mus - tard seeds grow more than we can con - ceive:
Wit - ness the wan - der - ing child com - ing home;
No more is neigh - bor just al - ly or friend;
Read - y for feast - ing, we watch through the night,
filled with the Spir - it who joins us as one.
roots thread the soil; branch - es reach for the sun.
watch as the par - ent breaks in - to a run.
peace thrives in plac - es where once there was none.
tend - ing our lamps till the new day's be - gun.
Born through our voic - es, our hands, and our hearts,
This is how God moves us each to be - lieve.
This is how God longs for us when we roam.
This is how God works when ri - val - ries end.
This is how God read - ies us for the light.
this is a new world where God's will is done.

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*The Apostles' Creed — *Front of hymnal, page 127*

*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.

Welcome and Announcements

Offering of Our Gifts

Music at the Offering:

(8:30) “In the Shepherd’s Keeping” Norwegian folk tune, arr. Charles Forsberg
Når mitt øye, trett av mørkt og vått av tåreregn, ser med lengsel fra sitt frengsel opp mot Salems blidenegn, å, hvor svinner da min ve bare vedder opp å se! Shepherd tending, flock grows weary, day and night go hand in hand. Drifting, longing, seeking, wronging, tears flow gently silent in repose. Sounds of angels, praise to God alway, sweet and pleasant my journey now begin! Grapes of vineyard, wine of spirit, light that shines on our path of toil. Grain of soil and bread of sunlight, flow’r of sweetness fragrant in its bloom. Taste and touch the breath of time, God of peace, replenish my soul. Crowned with glory, Lamb now raised in bridal paradise of praise. Streams of mercy, ever flowing, sing to God who reigns above. Narrow road and numbered in time, sweet and pleasant is your end! Source of grace, oh, Jesus mild, what joy to see thee face to face. Endless praises, sorrows over, kingdom reigning; O death, where is thy sting? Shepherd tending the flock through the night, rest our field is in his sight.
—Hans Brorson and Charles Forsberg
St. John’s Chorale

(10:45) “Beautiful Savior”

Aaron David Miller

*Offering Hymn — “For the Fruit of All Creation” stanza 3

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For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.

For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.

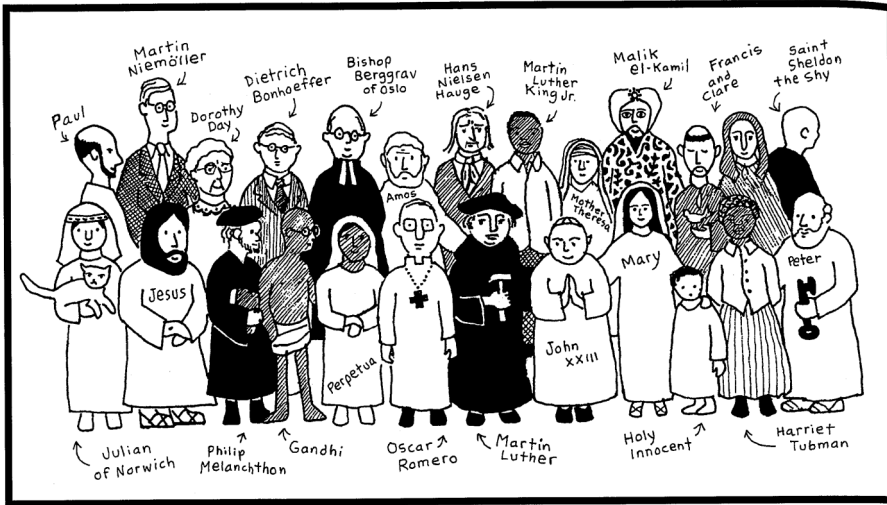
**For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.**

*Offering Prayer

☐ Let us pray.

☑ **Creator God, you made everything, and you provide for every need.
The bread we break and the wine we pour come from you.
Fill us with your love. Join us to the saints before us in a holy and
boundless communion; 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.

*Eucharistic Prayer

P We proclaim your presence again as your church gathered around this meal:

C **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

P We pray for your presence now, in this bread and wine, in our gathering:

C **Come, Holy Spirit.**

After each name is read, the congregation responds with “Present.”

*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.**

*All God’s children are welcome at the table. Communion will be received standing at the front of the sanctuary; ushers will direct you forward. **Gluten-free wafers** are available in the middle. 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 — No. 763

“My Life Flows On in Endless Song”

Hymn — No. 838

“Beautiful Savior”

***Post-Communion Blessing**

***Prayer after Communion**

- P** Let us pray.
- A** Holy God, in this meal you give us a foretaste of the great feast to come. Keep us faithful to you, that we, with all your saints, may at length celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

***Blessing**

Response:

- C** Amen.

***Sending Hymn** — No. 627

“O Day Full of Grace”

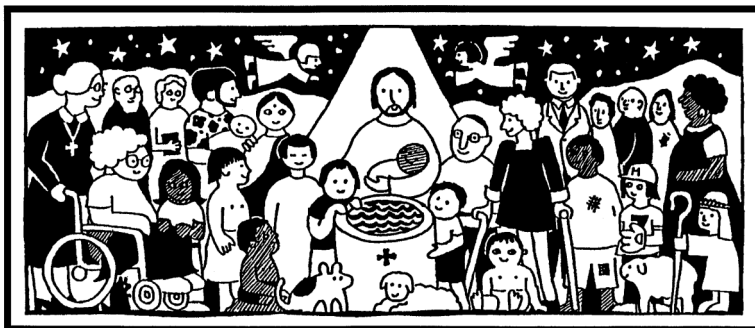
Stanzas 1 and 5

***Dismissal**

- L** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- A** Thanks be to God.

Postlude — “My Heart Abounds with Pleasure” from Op. 122

Johannes Brahms



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Minister	Ruthie Neuger
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choir	St. John's Chorale
Piano	Andrew Cannestra
Violin	(8:30) Hanlon McGarity
Cantor	(10:45) Kristin Partlo
Acolytes	(8:30) Anna Bash, Isabelle Paulson (10:45) Marion Williams, TBD
Communion Preparers	Kaylee Malecha, Judy Smith
Communion Server	Dave Neuger
Communion Cleanup	Daniel and Inger Hanson
Greeters / Welcome Desk	(8:30) David and Sue Schorr (10:45) Rose Berthelsen
Coffee and Refreshments	Ted and Tricia Peterson
Nursery	TBD
Counters	Bill and Char Carlson, David Nitz, David Norman
Ushers	(8:30) Doug Child, Duane Benson, Len Hoffmann, Rick Hillard, Doug Johnson, Andy Nelson, Jim Sharrow (10:45) Brian Boyum, Dale Gehring, Reed Hagberg, John Hanson, Peggy Hanson, Marion Williams, Sheri Williams

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

WELCOME STATEMENT

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.

Learning and Fellowship Between Services

This Week (November 4):

Coffee and Fellowship, Commons

Fair Trade Sales of Coffee and More, Commons

Sunday School: Preschool-Grade 5 (9:45-10:30 a.m., Lower Level)

Middle School Youth Group: Grades 6-8 (9:45 a.m., Youth Room)

St. John's Forum: Manna and Mercy Large Group Edition (9:45 a.m., St. John's Hall)

Accompany Newcomer Gathering (9:45 a.m., Undercroft)

Next Week (November 11):

Coffee and Fellowship, Commons

Fair Trade Sales of Coffee and More, Commons

Sunday School: Preschool-Grade 5 (9:45-10:30 a.m., Lower Level)

Middle School Youth Group: Grades 6-8 (9:45 a.m., Youth Room)

St. John's Forum: Questions of Faith Panel (9:45 a.m., St. John's Hall)

Toddler Time (9:45 a.m., Room 20)

Wednesday Night



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

Menu for Wednesday, November 7:
Chili

All are welcome!

Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in memory of Della Gunderson by family and friends. Sunday services are broadcast on KYMN Radio 1080AM / 95.1FM from 8:30-9:30 a.m. on Sundays. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast (cost is \$160), please contact the church office. Dates available: November 11, 18 & 25. Video broadcasts can be seen on Northfield Community Television – cable channel 187, Mondays at 7:30 p.m. and Fridays at 7:00 p.m.

Today's Forum: Manna and Mercy Large Group Edition

9:45-10:30 a.m., St. John's Hall

South African pastor and justice activist Alan Storey has created a video series called Manna and Mercy that asks and invites questions of faith on how to read scripture, think about a particular Bible story, or how to think about God. Join us as we watch and discuss the video titled "In love, by love, and for love," which talks about how the Biblical creation story was written to counteract the Babylonian creation story which featured many gods fighting each other.

Breakfast and Movie Morning Tomorrow - NO SCHOOL DAY!

9:00-11:00 a.m., Commons for Breakfast, Movie in St. John's Theater (PG Rated)

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 Commons or call Julie at 507-645-4429. Parent help is appreciated.

Pub Theology

Tomorrow, Monday, November 5, 6:00-7:30 p.m., Contented Cow

Pub Theology is a conversation around questions of faith, God, Jesus, the Bible, current events, and culture. No fancy theological or biblical knowledge needed in order to participate. Just bring your questions, thoughts, and experiences.

From the Peace & Justice Group...Make Healthcare Accessible to all Minnesotans

Our religious texts teach us how the mind, body, and soul are connected. As with the mind and soul, the health of the body and the health of our neighbors' bodies is something to be cared for with compassion. In Minnesota we recognize all too well how access to health care is essential for us to thrive in all areas of life. Health care coverage is key to preventing financial catastrophe caused by uncovered medical bills and remains a critical tool to obtain and keep a job.

- *Ask candidates: "What measures do you support that will increase Minnesotans' access to primary and behavioral healthcare? How will you invest in the long-term health of Minnesotans?"*

St. John's Website

Please check out our website at www.StJohnsNorthfield.org.

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

Lillian Anderson

Those with ongoing health concerns

Marybeth Bremer, Mary Gasho, Fred Gonnerman, Elvin Heiberg, Fred Huemoeller,
Mary Ingbritsen, Sally Lindell, Becky Ness, Susan Nissen, Bette Quinnell, Betty Schuette,
Eulalie Smestad, Joanne Sommers, Jim Thompson, Laila Burns Hedstrom

All who are homebound, including

Cliff Gillomen, Richard and Sigrid Gronning

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; Randy Stubbs & Family,
ELCA missionaries in Tanzania; Curtis and Katie Kline, ELCA missionaries in Colombia

Members of St. John's studying at seminary, including

Henry Burt, Hayden Kvamme

Refugees from Ethiopia being sponsored by St. John's

Paul, Ariat, and their family

Prayer Requests / Stephen Ministry Requests

Stephen Ministry Requests

Call Joan Halvorson at 507-645-8445 or 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.

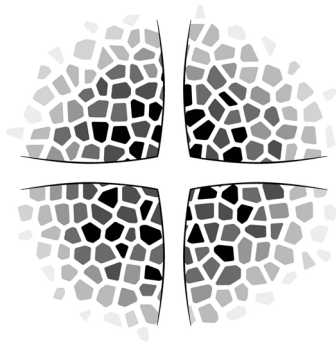
Lectionary Readings for Next Week (November 11):

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 17:8-16 † Psalm 146 † Hebrews 9:24-28 † Mark 12:38-44

This Week At-a-Glance

Monday, Nov. 5	9:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Women of St. John's Executive Board, Undercroft Manna and Mercy Mondays, Fireside Room Pub Theology, Contented Cow Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall Girl Scouts - Troop Leader Meeting, Undercroft
Tuesday, Nov. 6	7:00 a.m. 8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	City of Northfield: General Election, St. John's Hall SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life), Fellowship Hall Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room
Wed., Nov. 7	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 3:45 p.m. 4:15 p.m. 4:45 p.m. 5:15 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Lydia Circle, St. John's Hall 3 Links Communion, Offsite Wednesday After School Programming (Grades K-5) Alleluia Choir (Grades K-2), Room 205 Jubilate Choir (Grades 3-5), Room 209 Wednesday Night Meal, St. John's Hall Laudate Choir (Grades 6-12), Room 205 Wednesday Conversation Circle, Fireside Room Confirmation (Grades 6), Undercroft Confirmation (Grades 7-8), Fellowship Hall High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12), Youth Room St. John's Chorale, Room 209
Thursday, Nov. 8	10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl Knitters, Room 19 Rejoice Ringers, Balcony
Friday, Nov. 9	8:45 a.m.	SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life), Fellowship Hall
Saturday, Nov. 10	8:30 a.m.	Women's Breakfast Group, Fireside Room
Sunday, Nov. 11	8:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Worship / Nursery <i>(For Schedule Between Services, please see page 12)</i> Worship / Nursery



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