



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 5, 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.*

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 24 saints of St. John's who have died since All Saints
Sunday 2022. They were ages 15 to 101, beloved children, parents, and siblings. Among them
were pastors and engineers, farmers, 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 — “Elegy”

James Biery

Nathaniel Johnson, violin

Welcome and Announcements

(8:30) **Anthem** — “Come Bless the Lord”

Alleluia 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**

☐ 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:

+ Elaine Feroe	+ Jerry Bothun
+ Gordon Jorgenson	+ Ruth Hansen
+ Steve Nelson	+ Katie Creighton
+ Gloria Porter	+ Gerhard Knutson
+ William Talen	+ Jennifer Bothun
+ Tom Fjelde	+ Ronald Detlie
+ Jaron Johnson	+ Gary Hagen
+ Jean Schrader	+ Max Williams
+ Ann Ness	+ Evelyn Estenson
+ David Hurtt	+ Jim Bronson
+ John Quam	+ John Barber
+ Elizabeth Stromseth	+ Lester Gunderson

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:

+ Levi Little

(8:30) **Anthem** — “Jesus Loves Me”

arr. John Ferguson

Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so; little ones to him belong, they are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so. Jesus loves me, he who died heaven’s gate to open wide; he will wash away my sin, let his little child come in. Jesus loves me, he will stay close beside me all the way. He calls children to his side, saying, “Come with me abide.” — Anna B. Warner

(10:45) **Music for Meditation** — “Jesus Loves Me”

arr. Joshua Evanovich

HEARING GOD’S WORD

Children’s Message

First Reading — Revelation 7:9-17

Pew Bible, page 999

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

Second Reading — 1 John 3:1-3

Pew Bible, page 990

- 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.

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 5th chapter.

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

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: ³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. ⁶Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. ⁷Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. ⁸Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. ⁹Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. ¹⁰Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Pastor Pam Fickenscher

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ELW No. 428

“Give Thanks for Saints”

*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.**

*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) "The Lord Is the Everlasting God

Kenneth Jennings

The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth, who does not faint or grow weary; whose understanding is unsearchable. God gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint. Have you not heard? Have you not known?

– Isaiah 40:28-31

St. John's Chorale

(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.**

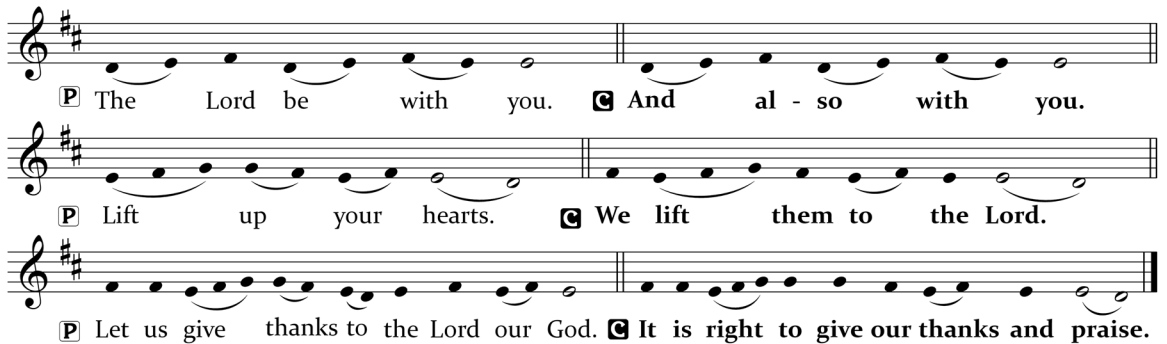
*Offering Prayer

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

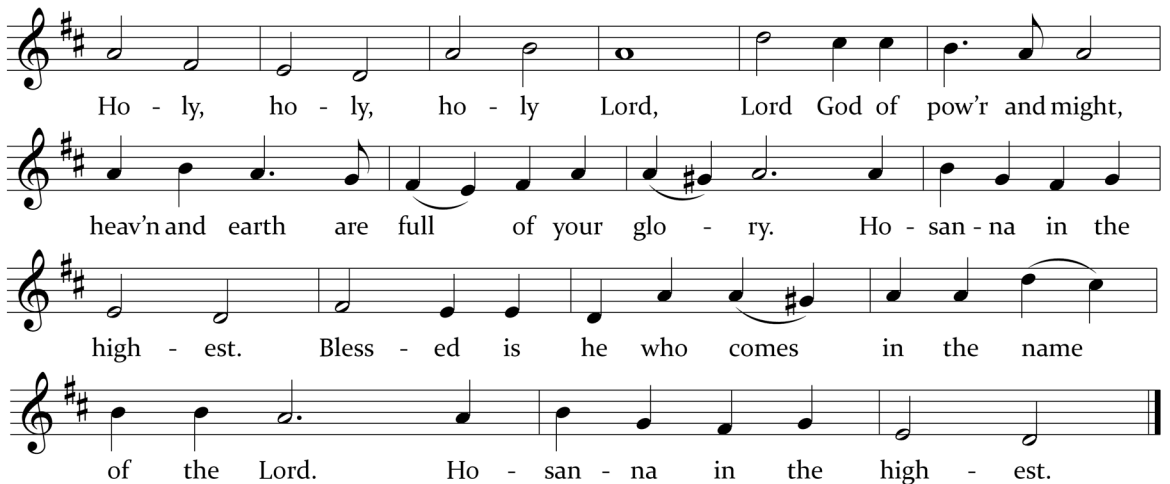


P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

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**

***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. 627

“O Day Full of Grace”


***Dismissal**

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

Postlude — “O Day Full of Grace”

F. Melius Christiansen
arr. Bryan King



	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 Saint's litany this morning.
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SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Ministers	Susanne Smith
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Violin	Nathaniel Johnson
Choirs	(8:30) Alleluia Choir, Arielle Loy, director (8:30) St. John's Chorale
Piano	(8:30) David Sims, Mary Davis
Communion Prep	Craig Schultz
Communion Cleanup	Craig Schultz
Greeters	(8:30) TBD (10:45) Mary Hoff
Coffee Service	Ted Peterson
Treats	Gerri Licke and Patrice Nordstrand, Ted and Tricia Peterson
Counters	Merilyn Calcutt, Michelle Kramer-Prevost, Bill Rizzo
Ushers	(8:30) Doug Child, Rick Hillard, Doug Johnson, Jim Sharrow (10:45) Kent Rommereim, Christy Hall-Holt, Olaf Hall-Holt

Learning and Fellowship Between Services

This 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)

Next Week (November 12)

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)
Accompany (10:00–10:40 a.m., Undercroft)

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (November 12):

Twenty Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 5:18-24 † Psalm 70 † 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 † Matthew 25:1-13

Announcements

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

Today's Radio Broadcast is given by Hazel Peterson. 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.

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!



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

A gathering for those who have lost loved ones in the past year is being hosted by the Faith & Health board on Monday, November 6, 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 this week, 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.

St. John's Forum

Sunday, November 12, 9:45–10:30 a.m., Sanctuary

Meleah Follen, Healthy Community Initiative's "Youth Engagement and Northfield Community College Collaborative" Director will present.

Healthy Community Initiative has collaborated on more than 30 initiatives in Rice County. Through TORCH they helped 500+ low-income students in grades 6–12 to graduate achieving a 98% graduation rate in 2022. HCI assisted 40+ mobile home residents with young children to improve safety and energy efficiency, and hosted 34 Mental Health First Aid training events in 2022 to identify and respond to mental health concerns. HCI connected 100+ family, friend, and neighbor child care providers to First Aid/CPR and other training.

Announcements (continued)

Join Us for the Advent Book Read

The Adult Ministry & Education Board encourages you to participate in a new opportunity at St. John's—the Advent Book Read. The group will read Amy-Jill Levine's *Light of the World: A Beginner's Guide to Advent*. The group will meet four times, beginning on Sunday, November 26, between worship services. We hope to have four Wednesday evening meetings as well. Sign-up and book purchase (\$15) will begin on Sunday, November 5, between services. Contact an Adult Ministry & Education Board member for more information. Make the Book Read your spiritual practice for Advent!

From the Property and Grounds Board

Thank you to all who helped make the Fall Churchyard Cleanups on Saturdays, October 14 and 28 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 fifteen Adopt-A-Garden individuals or families who worked to make our church grounds pleasant throughout the entire growing season.

Sunday Evening Gatherings

Tonight, 6:00–6:30 p.m., First UCC (300 Union St.)

Evening Gatherings are led by laypeople from First UCC and other local churches. Please join us for a time of singing, candle lighting, contemplation, and communion. On the first Sunday of the month we will follow a traditional Taizé format, which focuses on repetitive singing, minimal spoken word, and does not include communion. Come for a time of connection, community, and quiet grounding to prepare for the coming week.

Children and Youth

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.

Let's Go Bowling!

Youth 6th grade and up (and their friends) are invited to go bowling on Monday, November 6, since it's a NO SCHOOL DAY. The cost is \$12 per person for shoes and two games of bowling. We'll meet at Flaherty Northfield Lanes from noon-2:00 p.m. Please sign up online or on the bulletin boards in the Commons or near the Youth Room. Extra parent help is appreciated—contact Kristin at youth@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

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

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

David and Pat Halsor, Rose Youngquist

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 8:
Chicken Pot Pie
(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, Nov. 6	9:00 a.m.	Movie Morning (Grades K-5), Commons and St. John's Theater
	12:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom Bowling Event (Grades 6-12), Flaherty's Northfield Lanes
	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. 7	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
	7:00 p.m.	I Cantanti Rehearsal, St. John's Hall Stephen Ministers, Fireside Room NAMI, Youth Room Northfield Rotary, St. John's Library
Wednesday, Nov. 8	9:00 a.m.	Lydia and Paul Circles, St. John's Library
	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
	6:15 p.m.	Confirmation (Grades 6-8), Undercroft High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12), Youth Room
7:00 p.m.	St. John's Chorale, Room 209	
Thursday, Nov. 9	7:45 a.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall
	9:00 a.m.	Quilters, Fellowship Hall Synod Global Mission Table Meeting, St. John's Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Knitters, St. John's Library
	1:30 p.m.	Elizabeth Circle, St. John's Library
	4:00 p.m.	Courageous Conversations Book Group via Zoom
6:00 p.m.	Rejoice Ringers, Balcony	
Friday, Nov. 10	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. 11	9:00 a.m.	Women's Breakfast Group, Fireside Room
Sunday, Nov. 12	8:30 a.m.	Worship / Nursery, Sanctuary (For the schedule between services, please see page 11)
	10:45 a.m.	Worship / Nursery, Sanctuary



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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.