

# SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION + ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 6, 2022 + 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 22 saints of St. John's who have died since All Saints  
Sunday 2021. Among them were pastors and educators, musicians and artists, insurance agents  
and homemakers, beloved parents and siblings. 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 remem-  
ber 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

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Thanksgiving for Baptism**

*Front of ELW hymnal, page 280*

**\*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:

✝ Paul Raadt	✝ Jane Koskovich
✝ Marland Madson	✝ Carolyn Moe Buzza
✝ Duane Benson	✝ Mary Ingbritsen
✝ Virley Brown	✝ Beverly Mahachek
✝ James Bierman	✝ James Gilomen
✝ Howard Thorsheim	✝ David Gangsei
✝ Tina Elg	✝ Sigrid Johnson
✝ Lois Rand	✝ Carole Nesheim
✝ Gertrude Swanlund	✝ Elvin Heiberg
✝ Duane Kringen	✝ Dale Gehring
✝ Charlene Albers	✝ Carol James
✝ Otto Reitz	✝ Arlene Sivanich
✝ Romulus Busa	✝ Guenther Moesler

**P** Gracious God, 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:

✝ Leo Kuehn	✝ Luke Thorsheim
✝ Sigrid Wanken	✝ Eleanora Luckman
✝ Robin Hendrickson	✝ Elijah Rydberg
✝ Damien Jackman	✝ Frances Jackman
✝ Olive Barvir	

(8:30) **Anthem** — “Nunc Dimittis”

Robert Scholz

*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. A light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel.*

– Luke 2:29-32 KJV

*St. John's Chorale*

(10:45) **Anthem** — “Blessing”

Katie Moran Bart

*May the road rise up to meet you; may the wind be always at your back, may the sun shine warm upon your face, and the rains fall soft upon your fields. Until we meet again, my friend, may God hold you in the palm of his hand.*

– Irish poem

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

### Children's Message

**First Reading** — Job 19:23-27a

Pew Bible, page 405

📖 The word of the Lord.

🙏 Thanks be to God.

**Second Reading** — Ephesians 1:11-23

Pew Bible, page 949

📖 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.

**\*Gospel — Luke 20:27-38**

Spark Story Bible, page 406; Pew Bible, page 855

*Before the reading:*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

*After the reading:*

**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 — ACS No. 1030**

**“Death Be Never Last”**

**\*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.*

## **Stewardship Moment**

### **Offering of Our Gifts**

*Music at the Offering*

(8:30) "Come By Here"

African American spiritual, arr. Kyle Pederson

*Come by here, my Lord, come by here. Someone's prayin', Lord, come by here.  
Someone's cryin', Lord, come by here. In the morning, in the evening, in my waking,  
in my sleeping, Lord, you are here. In my pleading, waiting, caring, in my loving,  
grieving, hoping, you are here. In my longing, falling, hiding, rising, Lord, in my heal-  
ing, aching, laughing, praising, in my seeking, finding, breathing, dying, Lord, you  
are here. Come by here, my Lord, come by here. O Lord, you are here.*

(10:45) "Children of the Heavenly Father"

arr. John Ferguson

*For anthem text, see ELW No. 781.*

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

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

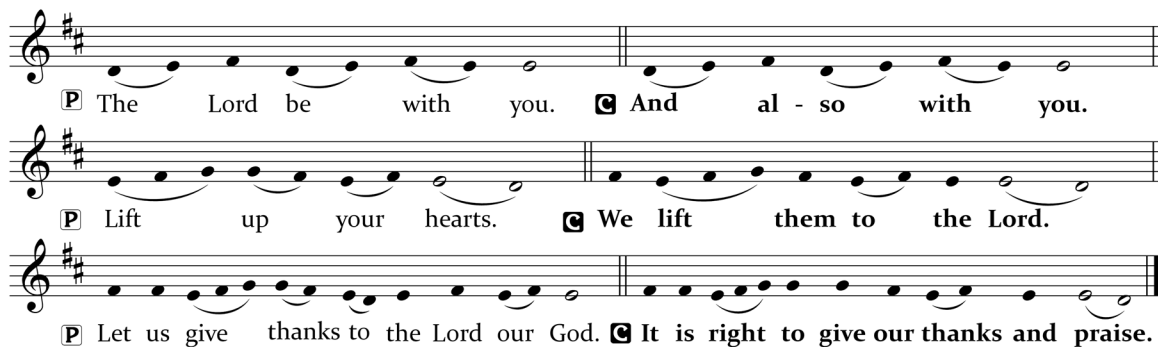
## \*Offering Prayer

**L** Let us pray.

**C** Blessed are you, Maker of all things. As you have entrusted us with all that you have created, now gather our gifts, nourish us with this sacrament, and send us to those who hunger and thirst, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

# SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

## \*Great Thanksgiving

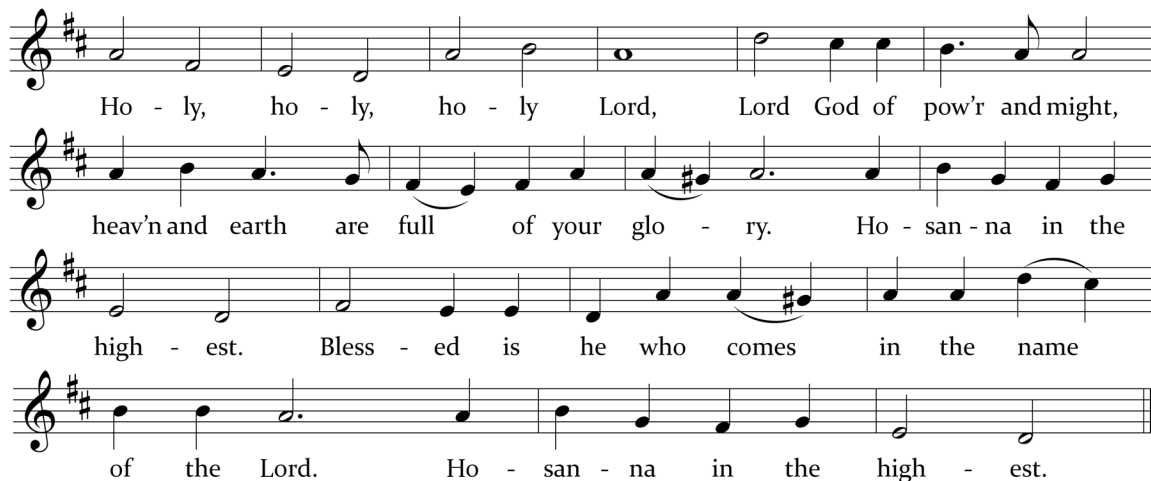


**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

**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, 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.

(8:30) **Anthem** — “Blessing”

Katie Moran Bart

*May the road rise up to meet you; may the wind be always at your back, may the sun  
shine warm upon your face, and the rains fall soft upon your fields. Until we meet  
again, my friend, may God hold you in the palm of his hand.* — Irish poem

**Hymn** — ELW No. 423

“Shall We Gather at the River”

### **\*Post-Communion Blessing**

### **\*Prayer after Communion**

- ☞ We give you thanks, most gracious God, that you have fed us with the bread of heaven and given us a foretaste of Paradise. Enliven us to be your body in the world and to serve those who are in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- ☞ **Amen.**

### **\*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



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## **SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:**

Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Ministers	(8:30) Deb Schoeb (10:45) Michaela Polley
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choir	(8:30) St. John's Chorale
Piano	(8:30) Jane Turpin Moore
Cantors	(10:45) Kristin Partlo, Nancy Ordahl-Kmoch
Communion Service	Debby Nitz
Greeters	(8:30) Kibby Errington (10:45) TBD
Coffee and Refreshments	Gene and Lois Bakko, Kibby Errington, Bill Gasho
Counters	Brenda Bultman, Michelle Kramer-Prevost, Bill Rizzo
Ushers	(8:30) Doug Child, Rick Hillard, Leif Knecht (10:45) Kent Rommereim, Olaf and Christy Hall-Holt, Jon and Alison Kavanaugh

## **Learning and Fellowship Between Services**

### ***This Week (November 6):***

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)

### ***Next Week (November 13):***

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)  
Toddler Time (9:50–10:30 a.m., Preschool Class Room)

## **Lectionary Readings for Next Week (November 13):**

### ***Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost***

**Malachi 4:1-2a   †   Psalm 98   †   2 Thessalonians 3:6-13   †   Luke 21:5-19**

# Announcements

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

*Printed copies of the November 3 E-Voice are available at the Welcome Desk and by Door #1.*

**Today's Radio Broadcast** is given in memory of David Halvorson by Joan Halvorson and family. 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 507-645-4429 or [office@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:office@StJohnsNorthfield.org). Available Dates: December 25 and January 8, 22 & 29.

## **THIS WEEK IS THE LAST WEEK OF PHOTO SESSIONS FOR THE PICTURE DIRECTORY!**

Our directory won't be complete without YOU! Photography Dates:

- Tuesday, November 8–Saturday, November 12
- Hours of Photography: 2:00–9:00 p.m. weekdays and 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. Saturday

You can sign up online at [www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com) (church code: mn256 / password: photos) or call the church office at 507-645-4429. **If you are unable to make it to the church for a photo session, you can submit a photo via email to the church office or dropped one off at the church. For additional assistance, call the church office.**

## **Our Stewardship Appeal for 2023 is Underway**

November has arrived disguised as an earlier autumn month, for which we are grateful. Sunny, warm days are so special this time of year. Be sure to notice all of the great and small things around you as we inch toward cooler days and the first snowfall. You may have gotten the letter from the Stewardship Board reminding you to start thinking about giving to St. John's in 2023. **Rooted and grounded in love**, we urge you to notice all of the great and small wonders at St. John's and to take time to think about and make your giving plan for 2023. If you already pledge your financial support to St. John's, we thank you and urge you to continue your support. We also ask you to consider increasing your existing pledge. If you haven't pledged before, we urge you to consider making a first-time pledge; writing down a goal helps make it happen! If you haven't volunteered to get involved in the amazing work that happens here at St. John's, think about what you might like to know more about, and what you might want to be involved with. Your time and talent have so much value to St. John's.



## **Art Exhibit Starting Today in St. John's Hall**

Days are getting shorter and our lives are full of fall activities. Sometimes we need to step back and take a moment to breathe and reflect. The Worship & Arts Board and Stewardship Board invite you to take some time in November and December to take in an exhibit of the work of a few St. John's artists. St. John's Hall will house an exhibit of art that will encourage you to pause, engage, and experience art on your own time. We're excited to kick off this event today. Plan to join us and stroll past the art often!

## **Announcements (continued)**

### **Come in your PJs to Movie Morning!**

Kids in grades K–5<sup>th</sup> are invited to come in their pajamas to movie morning at St. John's. Come for breakfast and stay to watch the movie, *Encanto*, rated PG. Feel free to bring friends!

**Where:** The Commons for Breakfast, Movie in St. John's Theater

**When:** Monday, November 7—**NO SCHOOL DAY!**

**Time:** 9:00–11:00 a.m.

Send [Julie Brehmer](#) an email if your child(ren) is interested in attending. Parent chaperones are very helpful! Let Julie know if you can help supervise. Thanks!

### **Patio Theology: All Creatures Great and Small**

**Monday, November 7, 6:00–7:30 p.m., Fairfield Inn Bar**

Topic: *Low Stakes, High Reward*

With the election around the corner and much on people's minds, we are having a "low stakes, high reward" casual Pub Theology gathering this week. We will simply gather to connect and discuss whatever is on people's minds at the moment. We will also take some time to think about what topics feel most important right now for Pub Theology. Join us this Monday from 6:00–7:30 p.m. (or just stop in for part of it!) at the Fairfield Inn Bar.

### **Growing in Gratitude #1**

November is a month we typically associate with Thanksgiving. For Christians, however, every day is an occasion to give thanks. As we are reminded each Sunday in the "Great Thanksgiving" (prayed prior to our celebration of the Lord's Supper), "it is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at *all* times and in all places give thanks and praise." But while we can be reminded, encouraged, and even commanded to offer thanks, none of us can be ordered to *feel* gratitude. You're either grateful or you are not. Genuine, heartfelt gratitude cannot be faked, even when we say or sing the proper words. So how might we cultivate the "attitude of gratitude" that, frankly, is often missing from our hearts? Genuine gratitude toward God begins with paying attention—noticing all the wonderful things (great and small) God does for us. Keeping a "gratitude journal," daily noticing and writing down the blessings we receive from God, is a good place to start. The more aware we become of all God has done, the more grateful we will be.

### **Oral History Update**

You can listen to a 20-minute interview with John and Barbara Walters about their experience, especially in the arts, as a members of St. John's Lutheran Church. [Click on the "About" tab on the main page of the St. John's website, and then scroll down to "Oral Histories."](#)

## **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*

Bruce Rickert, Bruce Hella (brother of Karl Hella),  
Melisa Simonet (daughter of Julian Trangsrud)

*Those mourning the loss of a loved one*

Family of Mary Quam Herbers (daughter of John and Louise Quam)

*Those with ongoing health concerns*

Scott Barvir, Jo Chambers, Billi Faillettaz, Bob Flaten, Jane Gelle, Donna James,  
Carolyn Jennings, Delores Nelson, Becky Ness, Paul Peterson, John Quam, Scott Quinnell,  
Julie Westerback, Laila Burns Hedstrom, Karl Jacobson (son of Pastor Del Jacobson)

*All who are homebound, including*

Janice Helgeson, Joan Carlson, 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*

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

*Prayer Chain Requests*

Contact Mary Cisar at 507-663-1097 or [macisar@gmail.com](mailto: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 9:  
*Baked Mostaccioli with Salad and Dessert  
(Vegetarian Option Available)*

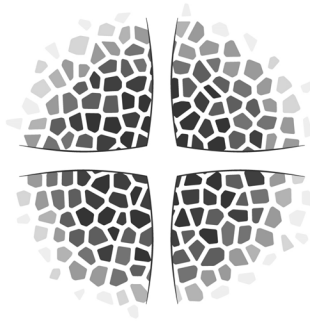
**All are welcome!**

*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](http://www.StJohnsNorthfield.org).*

<b>Monday, Nov. 7</b>	9:00 a.m.	Movie Morning (Kindergarten-Grade 5), Commons
	12:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom
	6:00 p.m.	Pub Theology, Location TBD
	7:00 p.m.	St. John's Foundation, Fireside Room
<b>Tuesday, Nov. 8</b>		City of Northfield - Election, St. John's Hall
	7:30 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
	2:00 p.m.	Directory Photo Sessions, St. John's Library
<b>Wednesday, Nov. 9</b>	9:30 a.m.	Lydia and Paul Circles, Fireside Room
	2:00 p.m.	Directory Photo Sessions, St. John's Library
	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), Fellowship Hall
		High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12), Youth Room
	6:30 p.m.	Where Politics Meets Faith Conversation, Fireside Room
		Bible Overview for Grown-Ups, Room 19
	7:00 p.m.	St. John's Chorale, Sanctuary
	7:30 p.m.	Ubuntu Youth Group, St. John's
<b>Thursday, Nov. 10</b>	7:30 a.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall
	9:00 a.m.	Quilters, Fellowship Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Knitters, Fireside Room
	1:30 p.m.	Elizabeth Circle, Fireside Room
	2:00 p.m.	Directory Photo Sessions, St. John's Library
	6:00 p.m.	Rejoice Ringers, Balcony
	6:30 p.m.	NGSC: Coping with the Holiday Events, Fireside Room
<b>Friday, Nov. 11</b>	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	1:00 p.m.	Mary Circle, Fireside Room
	2:00 p.m.	Directory Photo Sessions, St. John's Library
	7:00 p.m.	NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
<b>Saturday, Nov. 12</b>	9:00 a.m.	Directory Photo Sessions, St. John's Library
		Women's Breakfast Group, Fireside Room
<b>Sunday, Nov. 13</b>	8:30 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary
		<i>(For the schedule between services, please see page 11)</i>
	10:45 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary



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