



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 9, 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.*

Children's Bibles and activity bags
*are available at both entrances to the Sanctuary
and scribble cards are available in the pews.*

*Hearing assistance devices are available outside the Sanctuary or from an usher.
For those with hearing aids, the Sanctuary is equipped with a hearing loop.*

Large print bulletins and hymns are available for worship services.



*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.

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude — on MARCHING TO ZION

John Ferguson

Welcome and Announcements

Stewardship Temple Talk

***Gathering Hymn** — ELW No. 625

“Come, We That Love the Lord”

*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.

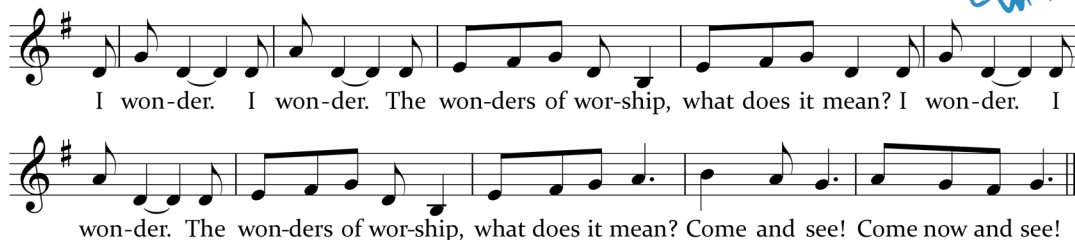
*Prayer of the Day

- P** O God, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C** Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

“Wonders of Worship”



Text and Music: Anne Krentz Organ

First Reading — Job 19:23-27a

²³“O that my words were written down!
O that they were inscribed in a book!
²⁴O that with an iron pen and with lead
they were engraved on a rock forever!
²⁵For I know that my Redeemer lives,
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth;
²⁶and after my skin has been thus destroyed,
then in my flesh I shall see God,
²⁷a whom I shall see on my side,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.”

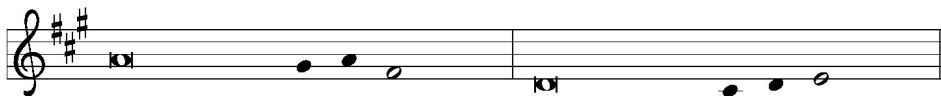
L The word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Psalmody — Psalm 17:1-8

Antiphon: David Sims

*Antiphon: Keep me as the apple of your eye;
hide me under the shadow of your wings.*



¹Hear a just cause, O LORD; give heed | to my cry;
listen to my prayer, which does not come from | lying lips.
²**Let my vindication come forth | from your presence;
let your eyes be | fixed on justice.**
³Examine my heart, visit | me by night,
melt me down; you will find no impuri- | ty in me.
⁴**I have not regarded what | others do;
at the word of your lips I have avoided the ways | of the violent. Antiphon**
⁵My footsteps hold fast to your | well-worn path;
and my feet | do not slip.
⁶**I call upon you, O God, for you will | answer me;
incline your ear to me and | hear my words.**
⁷Show me your marvelous | lovingkindness,
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand
from those who | rise against them.
⁸**Keep me as the apple | of your eye;
hide me under the shadow | of your wings. Antiphon**

Second Reading — 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17

¹³But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴For this purpose he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter. ¹⁶Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, ¹⁷comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

L The word of the Lord. **G** Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation



*Gospel — Luke 20:27-38

Spark Story Bible, page 406

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 20th chapter.

G Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁷Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to [Jesus] ²⁸and asked him a question: “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. ²⁹Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; ³⁰then the second ³¹and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. ³²Finally the woman also died. ³³In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.” ³⁴Jesus said to them, “Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, ³⁵but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. ³⁷And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. ³⁸Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to you, O Christ.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ELW No. 684

“Creating God, Your Fingers Trace”

(8:30) Rite of Welcome

Introduction of Newcomers

Trey Bilderback

Larry & Pam Enfield

Deb Erickson

David Nelson

Grant & Ella Sawyer

Matt Svestka

Signing of the Newcomers with the Cross

- ☐ Receive the sign of the cross on your forehead.
It is Christ himself who now strengthens you with
this sign of his love. Learn to know and follow him.
- ☐ Receive the sign of the cross on your ears,
that you may hear the voice of the Lord.
- ☐ Receive the sign of the cross on your eyes,
that you may see the glory of God.
- ☐ Receive the sign of the cross on your lips,
that you may respond to the word of God.
- ☐ Receive the sign of the cross over your heart,
that Christ may dwell there by faith.
- ☐ Receive the sign of the cross on your shoulders,
that you may bear the gentle yoke of Christ.
- ☐ Receive the sign of the cross on your hands,
that Christ may be known in the work which you do.
- ☐ Receive the sign of the cross on your feet,
that you may walk in the way of Christ.

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

A Amen.

Concluding Prayer

*The Apostles' Creed

Front of ELW hymnal, page 105

*Prayers of Intercession

After each petition:

L Lord, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

*Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C 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) "For the Beauty of the Earth"

arr. John Ferguson

For anthem text, see ELW No. 879.

St. John's Chorale

(10:45) "I Know That My Redeemer Lives!"

George Shearing

*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 tending, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safe-keeping, thanks be to God.**

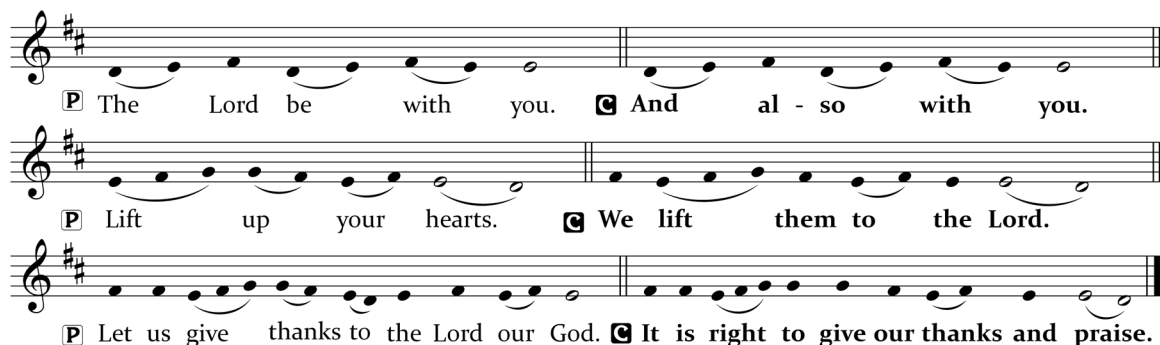
*Offering Prayer

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

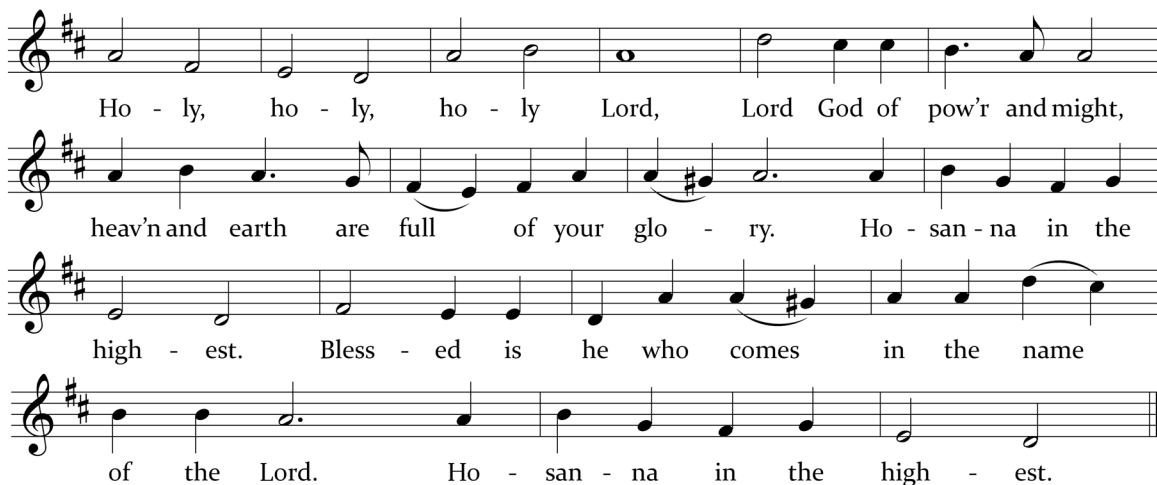


P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

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.

(8:30) **Anthem** — "I Know That My Redeemer Lives!" arr. Austin Lovelace

I know that my Redeemer lives. Glory, Hallelujah! What comfort this sweet sentence gives. He lives to bless you with his love. He lives to plead my cause above. He lives to crush the fiends of hell. He lives and doth within me dwell. He lives all glory to his name. He lives, my Jesus still the same. Shout on, pray on, we're gaining ground. The dead's alive and the lost is found. Glory, Hallelujah!

— Samuel Medley, c. 1784

Hymn — ELW No. 628

"Jerusalem, My Happy Home"

***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. 619**

“I Know That My Redeemer Lives!”

Stanzas 1, 2, 7, & 8

***Dismissal**

℣ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

☞ Thanks be to God!

Postlude — ON DUKE STREET

Robert Hobby



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenschner
Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Minister	(8:30) Jane Turpin Moore (10:45) TBD
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choir	(8:30) St. John's Chorale
Communion Prep	(8:30) Angie Gehring; (10:45) Jean Wakely
Communion Cleanup	Brenda Nelson
Greeters	(8:30) TBD; (10:45) TBD
Coffee Service	Craig Schultz, Fran Wood
Treats	Deb Christensen, Rhonda Reece
Counters	Brenda Bultman, Janell Martin, Bob Tabery
Ushers	(8:30) Dan Franklin, Jon and Cindy McBroom, Don Sahling, Dean Schoeb (10:45) Jonathan Norrie, Wyatt Norrie, Chris Tacheny, Andrew Tacheny

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Learning and Fellowship Between Services

This 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)

Next Week (November 16)

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)
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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 by David and Martha Brown in honor of Nathan Proctor and the music at St. John's. 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.

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

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

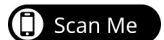
Dr. Timothy Eberhart addresses the ethical dimensions of responding to climate change in his Forum presentation, "*Called to Be Creatures: Dietrich Bonhoeffer's Ecological Theology for a World in Crisis*." Dr. Eberhart is the Robert and Marilyn Degler McClean Associate Professor of Ecological Theology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

- **Next Sunday, November 16, 9:45–10:30 a.m., St. John's Hall**

Dr. Colleen M. Carpenter introduces us to Pope Francis's influential 2016 encyclical on climate justice in her Forum presentation, "*Faith Active in Love: Laudato Si' Is Calling You to Climate Justice*." Dr. Carpenter has taught theology and women's studies at St. Catherine University and more recently has taught environmental studies at Carleton College.

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.



Advent Fair, Wednesday, December 3

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 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

Reminder of Deadlines

Please send all submissions electronically to Leah Garlie at office@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

- Sunday Bulletin and E-Voice Announcements: Due by Wednesday at 2:00 p.m.
- *The Voice* (December 2025 Edition): Due November 15

Announcements (continued)

Operation Joy: Donations are appreciated by Friday, November 14

Operation Joy is a community-wide, gift-sharing program of the Community Action Center and is set to take place on December 10. CAC's goal is to provide a joyful holiday experience for all children in our community. The best way to support this goal is through monetary donations. Donations are used to purchase gift cards so families can select gifts their children will enjoy the most. In keeping with tradition, families will receive a blanket, lovingly sewn by local volunteers. Children will also receive a new book, donated generously by Content Bookstore and their customers. If you would like to support Operation Joy, donations can be made by:

- Going online at communityactioncenter.org/winter-holiday/
- Send a check directly to:

**Community Action Center
c/o Operation Joy
1651 Jefferson Parkway, Suite HS-200
Northfield, MN 55057**

Sip & Snip Craft Night

Friday, November 14, 5:00–7:00 p.m.

Come wind down from your hectic week and enjoy something to sip on as we assemble handmade Christmas cards that will be included in the Cookie Boxes and work on a craft that will become a keepsake for those attending the Christmas Carols Luncheon. Please RSVP to Pam Groves-Gaggioli at ladylynneg@gmail.com.

Join the “ISAIAH at St. John’s” Email List to keep updated on our work for racial, economic, and climate justice, and learn how you can help. To join, send an email to ISAIAH-of-StJohns-Northfield-MN+subscribe@groups.io, or stop by our table between services. ISAIAH MN is an interfaith organization striving for justice for all Minnesotans, and coordinating with partners across the nation.

VOICES OF ST. JOHN'S

On Giving & Receiving

“ Stewardship is understanding
we have been given much to
take care of, and we are responsible to shepherd all we have been
given to ensure everyone can live abundant lives. ”

- Sandi Gerdes

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, Mark Granquist

Those mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of Patrice Nordstrand

Those with ongoing health concerns

David Halsor, Greta Matzner-Gore, Dolores Nelson, David Norman,
Mary Ellen North, Alice Rickert, Ruth Smestad Anglin, Ingrid Alberding,
Darlene Schloeder (mother of April Fitzloff), Glen Norgaard (father of Brett Norgaard)

All who are homebound, including

Carolyn Jennings, Laila Burns Hedstrom

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 12:
Cheesy Ham & Swiss Casserole

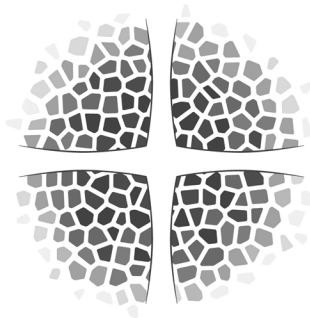
All are welcome!

*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. 10	9:00 a.m.	Monday Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	12:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom
Tuesday, Nov. 11	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.	Visitation - Patrice Nordstrand, Commons
		Staff Meeting, Undercroft
	11:00 a.m.	Funeral - Patrice Nordstrand, Sanctuary
	1:00 p.m.	Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room
	7:00 p.m.	Church Board Meetings, St. John's Hall
Wednesday, Nov. 12	9:30 a.m.	Lydia and Paul Circles, St. John's Hall
	11:15 a.m.	Personnel Committee, Fireside 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
	6:15 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. 13	7:45 a.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall
	9:00 a.m.	Quilting & Bandage Rolling, Fellowship 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.	Suzuki Kids, Room 19
	5:30 p.m.	Thursday Night Big Book Group, Youth Room
	6:00 p.m.	Rejoice Ringers, Sanctuary
	7:00 p.m.	ISAIAH Steering Committee, Fireside Room
Friday, Nov. 14	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	6:30 p.m.	CVRO Dress Rehearsal, St. John's Hall
		New Moms Network, Youth Room
	7:00 p.m.	NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
Saturday, Nov. 15	2:00 p.m.	CVRO Concert, St. John's Hall
Sunday, Nov. 16	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.	Adult Ministry Luncheon on <i>Laudato Si</i> , St. John's Hall



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