

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 14, 2021 † 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'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 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** — “Andante Tranquillo”

Percy Whitlock

## **Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Gathering Hymn** — ELW No. 887

“This Is My Song”  
(8:30) arr. by John Ferguson

(8:30) *Stanzas 1 and 2 — choir*

*Stanza 3 — all singing*

(10:45) *Stanzas 1-3 — all singing*

## **\*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, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth.  
Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world,  
trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☑ **Amen.**

# HEARING GOD'S WORD

## **Children's Message**

## First Reading — Daniel 12:1-3

<sup>1</sup>“At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. <sup>2</sup>Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. <sup>3</sup>Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

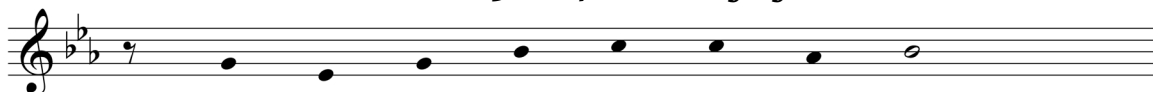
📖 The word of the Lord.

🙏 Thanks be to God.

## Psalmody — Psalm 16, “Preserve, O Lord, My Trusting Soul” CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM

*Stanzas 1 and 2 — choir/cantor*

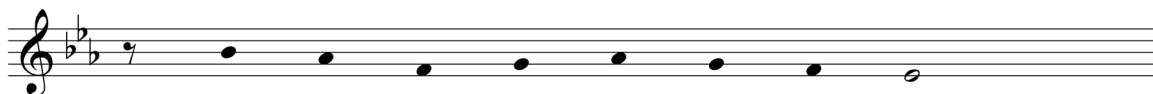
*Stanzas 3 and 4 — all singing*



Pre - serve, O Lord, my trust - ing soul,  
How man - y are their schemes, O Lord,  
You, Lord, are my in - her - it - ance;  
At your right hand I find de - light



count me a - mong the saints in light;  
who tempt me from the way I know;  
through gen - er - a - tions I am heir  
in all the bless - ings kept in store;



may I with them your mer - cy gain,  
their gods of gold and strength and thought  
to right - eous - ness in place of sin,  
the full - ness of your love, my joy;



and right - ful fa - vor in your sight.  
con - front me ev - 'ry step I go.  
your grace to save me from de - spair.  
I praise your glo - ry ev - er - more.

Psalm Paraphrase: Michael Morgan © 1999 Witherspoon Press; Music: Plainsong mode IV

## Second Reading — Hebrews 10:11-25

<sup>11</sup>Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. <sup>12</sup>But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” <sup>13</sup>and since then has been waiting “until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.” <sup>14</sup>For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. <sup>15</sup>And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying, <sup>16</sup>“This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds,” <sup>17</sup>he also adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.” <sup>18</sup>Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

<sup>19</sup>Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup>by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), <sup>21</sup>and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup>let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup>Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup>And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup>not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

**L** The word of the Lord.

**C** 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 — Mark 13:1-8**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” <sup>2</sup>Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

<sup>3</sup>When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, <sup>4</sup>“Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” <sup>5</sup>Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. <sup>6</sup>Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. <sup>7</sup>When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. <sup>8</sup>For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.”

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon**

Pastor Jonathan Davis

## **RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD**

**Hymn of the Day — ELW No. 757**

**“All My Hope on God Is Founded”**

**(8:30) The Sacrament of Holy Baptism — Front of hymnal pages 227-231**

*The Triune God claims **Leo Dale Kuehn** as a beloved child this morning in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Leo’s parents are Jordan and Levi Kuehn, and his sponsors are Kyle and Victoria Friedges.*

### **Presentation**

**P** People of God, do you promise to support Leo  
and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

**G** **We do.**

### **\*Profession of Faith**

**P** Do you believe in God the Father?

**A** **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**A** 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.

**P** Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**A** 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.

**\*Baptismal Hymn — "You Have Put on Christ"**



You have put on Christ; in him you have been bap-tized. Al-le-lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

Text: International Commission on English in the Liturgy © 1969; Music: Howard Hughes © 1977

**\*Thanksgiving at the Font**

**Baptism**

**Welcome**

**P** People of God, Leo is our new brother in Christ,  
Let the people say, Amen!

**A** Amen!

**P** He is a worker with you in the kingdom of God,  
Let the people say, Welcome!

**A** Welcome!

**P** Leo belongs to God forever,  
Let the people shout, Alleluia!

**A** Alleluia!

**(10:45) \*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) "What Shall I Render to the Lord?"

Peter Tiefenbach

*What shall I render to the Lord for all his benefits to me? I will offer the  
sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call on the name of the Lord. I will take the  
cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the  
Lord now in the presence of all God's people, in the courts of the Lord's house,  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. —Psalm 116:12-14, 17-19*

*St. John's Chorale*

(10:45) "Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth"

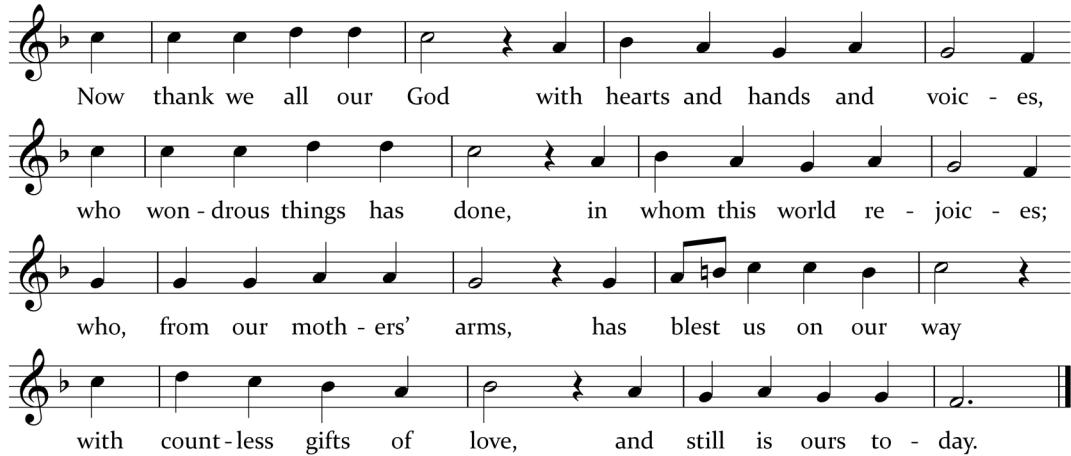
Tom Trenney

*Mothering God, you gave me birth in the bright morning of this world. Creator,  
source of every breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun. Mothering Christ, you  
took my form, offering me your food of light, grain of life, and grape of love, your  
very body for my peace. Mothering Spirit, nurturing one, in arms of patience hold  
me close, so that in faith I root and grow until I flower, until I know.*

—Jean Janzen; based on Julian of Norwich



**\*Offering Hymn** — “Now Thank We All Our God” *stanza 1* NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT



Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voic - es,  
who won - drous things has done, in whom this world re - joic - es;  
who, from our moth - ers' arms, has blest us on our way  
with count - less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.

Text: Martin Rinkhart, tr. Catherine Winkworth; Music: Johann Crüger

**\*Offering Prayer**

- P** God our creator, you give us all we are, all we have, all we bring,  
and all we need. Draw us together around your table with all your saints  
on earth and in your eternal home. Let us eat and drink your promise of  
new life, that we might be your promise to the world, spoken in Jesus' name.
- C** Amen.

**\*Thanksgiving for the Word**

- P** Holy God,  
our Sovereign, our Wisdom, our Judge,  
as nature in the north cycles towards dormancy and death,  
we thank you for the sustenance of your Word.
- C** For your Word of life, we give thanks.
- We praise you for speaking through Christ your Word,  
in whom is your authority, your truth, and the justice of your ways.  
When we are threatened by dangers and surrounded by evil,  
you speak to us of life that comes through Christ's death.
- C** For your Word of promise, we praise you.
- Grant us the endurance of the Spirit of your Son.  
Upheld by the voice of your Word,  
may we persevere with courage, energy, and joy,

serving our neighbors faithfully until the end of our days.

**C For your Word of power, we plead.**

Abide with us in your Word, O God,  
that we may speak your blessing to others,  
today and forever.

**C Amen.**

**\*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.

## DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

**\*Blessing**

*Response:*

**C Amen.**

**\*Sending Hymn** — ELW No. 88o

“O God beyond All Praising”

**\*Dismissal**

**L** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Postlude** — “Cornet Processional”

David Dahl



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

Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Preaching	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Ministers	(8:30) Tamara Jackman (10:45) Emmanuel Kaghondi
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choir	(8:30) St. John's Chorale
Trombone	(8:30) Paul Beck
Cantor	(10:45) Daaé Ransom
Counters	Merilyn Calcutt, Bill and Jane Rizzo
Ushers	(8:30) Jon and Cindy McBroom, Don Sahing, Dean Schoeb (10:45) Monica Holicky, Todd Menssen, Jonathan Norrie

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Wednesday, December 1  
5:15-6:15 p.m.  
Outside at St. John's

Invite family and friends  
to this  
wonderful annual tradition!

# **Announcements**

**Today's Radio Broadcast** is given in memory of Eldora Seitz by family and friends. Sunday services are broadcast on KYMN Radio 1080AM / 95.1FM from 9:00-10:00 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). Next available dates: December 12, 19, 24, 25 & 26. Video broadcasts can be seen on Northfield Community Television (NTV)-cable channel 187, Mondays at 7:30 p.m., Tuesdays at 12:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m., Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m., Fridays at 7:00 p.m.

**Holy Communion will be served indoors in St. John's Hall at 9:30 a.m. and 11:45 a.m.**

Communion will be served in the same post-service format we have offered outdoors these past several months. Those who attend worship in the Sanctuary, or who listen at home, are invited to come to the hall after either service. Please wear your mask in the building until you come forward to receive the bread and wine.

**Our Stewardship Appeal for 2022 is Underway**

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.



**Pub Theology**

**Monday, November 15, 6:00–7:30 p.m., St. John's Library**

*"Pub" Theology this week will meet in St. John's Library, as we continue to experiment with different gathering spaces. This will be a no alcohol event.* Pub Theology is a conversation led by the pastors around questions of faith, God, Jesus, the Bible, current events, and culture. No fancy or theological biblical knowledge is needed to participate. Just bring your questions, thoughts, and experiences. The topic and location will be emailed prior to the meeting. If you would like to be on the Pub Theology email list, please contact Pastor Jonathan at [jdavis@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:jdavis@StJohnsNorthfield.org).

**Ameriikan Poijat—Finnish American Brass Band Concert**

**Sunday, November 21, 9:45 a.m., St. John's Hall**

**ELCA World Hunger Appeal**

Our gifts to ELCA World Hunger are making a difference. As a partner of churches, social ministry organizations and development and advocacy organizations, ELCA World Hunger helps reach communities most in need throughout the world. Our relationships in the U.S. and around the world create an infrastructure that allows us to be very cost efficient and effective—less than 15 cents of every dollar is used for program administration and fundraising.

## **Announcements (continued)**

### **Operation Joy, the CAC's Annual Christmas Gift Drive**

Through the generosity of hundreds of individual donors and dedicated volunteers, approximately 900 Northfield area children from 350 households will receive gifts through Operation Joy this year. While the pandemic has changed some aspects of Operation Joy, our goal remains the same: to provide a joyful holiday experience for all children in our community. **If you would like to support Operation Joy, monetary donations are needed by November 19.** This year, as last year, gift cards will be given to each family, so that parents can purchase gifts for their children. This gives them more ownership of the gifts, and the joy of selecting the gifts themselves. Donations can be made in 2 ways:

- Visit <http://communityactioncenter.org/operation-joy> and make an online donation.
- Send a check directly to Operation Joy, c/o Community Action Center, 1651 Jefferson Parkway, Suite HS-200, Northfield, MN 55057.

## **Children and Youth Ministries**

### **Contact Information for Children and Youth**

Julie Brehmer, Director of Children's Ministry at [childrens@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:childrens@StJohnsNorthfield.org)

Emmanuel Kaghondi, Director of Ministry with Youth & Families at [youth@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:youth@StJohnsNorthfield.org)

### **Sunday School for Pre-K through Grade 5**

**Sundays, 9:45–10:30 a.m.**

We will gather outdoors as much as possible this fall. Check for the *Inside* or *Outside* sign posted on Door #6 each Sunday to let you know where we will be meeting.

### **Sunday Youth Gatherings (Grades 6-12)**

**Sundays, 9:45–10:30 a.m., Youth Room**

### **Parent Gathering and Social**

**Sundays, 9:45–10:30 a.m., Courtyard**

Pastors Pam and Jonathan invite parents of children and youth to gather between services for a chance to simply check-in and connect with each other.

### **Children's After School Programming (K-Grade 5)**

**Wednesdays, 3:45–5:15 p.m.**

If you have any questions about programming, or can volunteer to assist, please contact Julie.

### **Confirmation & High School Youth Programming (Grades 6-12)**

**Wednesdays, 6:00–7:30 p.m.**

We will meet outside by the Commons doors. Pizza is served at 6:00 p.m.

## **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*

Marilyn Boschee, Bob Flaten, Carolyn Jennings, Marland Madson,  
John Bjorlie (brother of Ruthie Neuger), Mark Wegner (son of Roberta Wegner)

*Those celebrating the birth of*

Silja Ophaug, daughter of Erik & Solveig Ophaug,  
and the granddaughter of John & Patsy Ophaug and Dave & Sue Hagen

*Those celebrating the baptism of*

Leo Dale Kuehn, son of Jordan and Levi Kuehn

*Those mourning the loss of a loved one*

Family of Day McLaughlin (mother of Jeff McLaughlin)

*Those with ongoing health concerns*

Pam Groves-Gaggioli, Elvin Heiberg, Mary Ingbritsen, Donna James, Bev Mahacheck  
Guenther Moesler, Delores Nelson, Carole Nesheim, Becky Ness, John Quam,  
Scott Quinnell, Lois Rand, Howard Thorsheim, Julie Westerback, Laila Burns Hedstrom

*All who are homebound, including*

Janice Helgeson, Arlene Sivanich, Joan Carlson

*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;  
Mark Rich and Cynthia Holder Rich, ELCA missionaries in Tanzania

### **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.

## **Lectionary Readings for Next Week (November 21):**

*Christ the King Sunday*

**Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 + Psalm 93 + Revelation 1:4b-8 + John 18:33-37**

# **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. 15</b>	9:00 a.m.	Safe Operating Task Force, Fireside Room
	12:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom
	5:15 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop #27517, Fellowship Hall
	6:00 p.m.	Pub Theology, St. John's Library
<b>Tuesday, Nov. 16</b>	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
	6:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop #27352, Undercroft
	6:30 p.m.	Stephen Ministers Training via Zoom
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council, Undercroft
		I Cantanti Choir Rehearsal, St. John's Hall
		Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall
		NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Health), Youth Room
<b>Wednesday, Nov. 17</b>	3:45 p.m.	Afterschool Programming (Kindergarten-Grade 5), St. John's
	6:15 p.m.	Confirmation (Grades 6-8), St. John's
		High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12), St. John's
	7:00 p.m.	St. John's Chorale, Sanctuary
		Business Management Board via Zoom
<b>Thursday, Nov. 18</b>	9:00 a.m.	Quilters, Fellowship Hall
	1:00 p.m.	Faith, Fact & Fiction Book Group, St. John's Library
	6:00 p.m.	Rejoice Ringers, St. John's Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Courageous Conversations Book Group via Zoom
		Girl Scout Brownie Troop #27455, Fellowship Hall
<b>Friday, Nov. 19</b>	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
<b>Saturday, Nov. 20</b>		No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed
<b>Sunday, Nov. 21</b>	8:30 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School (Preschool-Grade 5), St. John's
		Youth Gathering (Grades 6-12), Youth Room
		Parent Gathering, Courtyard or St. John's Library
	9:45 a.m.	Ameriikan Poijat Concert, St. John's Hall
	10:45 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary
	12:30 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop #25258, Fellowship Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop #20065, Lower Level



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