

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 7, 2021

IN OUR PRAYERS: Jim Cleveland; Carolyn Wilkins; Jack & Lureen Vaught; Tony Sikora; Maddie; Anita; Aiden Snyder; Cindy; Carol Shearer Small; Jim Lambert

SPECIAL VOTERS' MEETING for 2022 budget and elections is next Sunday, Nov. 14, at 9:00am.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: the positions of Elder (1), Trustee (1), Treasurer, and Financial Secretary are up for election. Nominations may be submitted to Jeremy Hammel, Roger Bellis, or Pr. Mullet.

YOUTH GROUP: the Fort Wayne Komets host the Iowa Heartlanders on Sunday, Nov. 21, at 4:00pm. Parents, siblings, etc. are also invited. \$10 per ticket. **Please RSVP by next Sunday, Nov. 14!**

CHRISTMAS GIVING PROJECTS: the Toys for Tots box is here (collecting thru Dec. 10); Socks for Vets and the Giving Tree both begin Nov. 15. See the newsletter for more information!

RESILIENCE SEMINAR: Zion Friedheim (Decatur) is hosting a seminar on the topics of stress and loss during the holiday season and resiliency after trauma. It will be held Tuesday, Nov. 23, beginning with a meal at 6:00pm. RSVP by Nov. 14. See Pr. Mullet for more details and contact information.

GIVING ENVELOPES: it's that time. Do you want them? Not want them? Want a number to track giving, but no envelopes? Talk to Linda LeFever!

CALENDAR

Sun. Nov. 7 (All Saints' Day)	8:00 & 10:00am Holy Communion 9:00am Sunday School & Bible Study 11:30am Confirmation
Wed. Nov. 10	7:00pm Holy Communion
Thu. Nov. 11	7:00pm Bible Study
Sun. Nov. 14 (Trinity 24)	8:00 & 10:00am Worship 9:00am Voters' Meeting (budget / elections) 11:30am Confirmation

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Today our church celebrates the Feast of All Saints. It is, for many, a day of some sadness and sorrow. For it is a day to remember those who have died in the faith, who have gone before us into glory. We remember especially those members of our congregation who have died in the last year:

George Stilwell

Jack Burks

Betty Treece-Green

Chuck Kellogg

Wayne Sembach

Judie Spencer

But so also do we remember all our loved ones who are no longer with us on this side of heaven. Parents and grandparents, sons and daughters, brothers and sisters, friends. While they shine in glory, we still feebly struggle here below. And this is cause for some sadness.

But All Saints' Day can also bring us joy in the midst of sadness, laughter in spite of the tears. Because though we miss these departed saints we also know that they rest from their labors in the kingdom of heaven, enjoying the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ in a way we cannot even imagine. There is joy as we share stories and fond memories, recalling together the many blessings God bestowed on us through the earthly lives of those departed loved ones.

And there is finally joy as we, God's saints on earth, join together in worship to receive His good gifts. It is, after all, *All Saints' Day*. Today is a day to celebrate the blessings of living as God's holy people below even as we remember God's holy people who live with Him above. And when we receive the foretaste of the feast to come, the feast of victory for our God, listen closely. Can you hear the singing? Here around the throne of God we join with angels and archangels...and *with all the company of heaven*. **All** the saints of God are gathered here in a blest communion, a fellowship divine, to offer worship and praise and to receive God's good gifts to us in the body and blood of Christ. It is as we sing: "All are one in Thee, for all are Thine! Alleluia!"

Blessed Feast of All Saints. Christ is risen! Alleluia!