

ANNOUNCEMENTS
WEEK OF NOVEMBER 6, 2022

IN OUR PRAYERS: Jim & Penny Cleveland; Jack & Lureen Vaught; Darlene Welsh; Walt & Carolyn Trier; Cyndy Sembach; Greg Gotsch; Leslie Mey

NO CHOIR REHEARSAL TODAY! We'll pick up again next week.

2023 MARCH FOR LIFE: we are planning a trip to Washington, DC for the March for Life **January 17-21, 2023**. Interested? Put your name down and talk to Vicar Woodhouse! More details will be worked out once we have an accurate number of attendees.

MEN'S GROUP meets this Saturday, Nov. 12, beginning with breakfast at 8am.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: the voters' meeting for 2023 budget and elections is **next Sunday, November 13**. Positions to be elected are president, vice president, secretary, elder (1), and trustee (2). Submit nominations to Jeremy Hammel (president) or another member of the elders or council.

FAITH CARPOOL NETWORK: do you or someone you know need a ride to church? Are you willing to give someone a ride? Talk to Vicar Woodhouse!

2023 GIVING ENVELOPES are in your mailboxes.

CALENDAR

Sun. Nov. 6 (All Saints' Day)	8:00 & 10:00am Divine Service 9:00am Bible Study/Sunday School/Confirmation 11:30am Choir
Mon. Nov. 7	8:30am Discussion of next Sunday's readings
Wed. Nov. 9	8:30am Matins 9:00am Book of Concord Study (Lg. Catechism) 7:00pm Divine Service
Thu. Nov. 10	7:00pm Bible Study (Genesis)
Sat. Nov. 12	8:00am Men's Group
Sun. Nov. 13 (Second-Last Sunday)	8:00 & 10:00am Divine Service 9:00am Bible Study/Sunday School/Confirmation 9:00am Budget / Elections 11:30am Choir

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Today we celebrate 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, gone before us into glory. We remember especially those members of our congregation who have died in the last year:

Shermon Gayheart

Tony Kassing

Dolores Lesch

Carolyn Wilkins

Barb Myers

Mary Ann Huffman

Ruth Leitch

Jim Lambert

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 Lord's Supper today, that great 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!