

The Ringer

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November 2019 Newsletter



From the Pastor

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Acts 2: 42

The first Sunday in the month we remember those who have gone before us, especially within the last year. It reminds us that nothing in all creation can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus, as Paul so aptly puts it. We fully believe that those who lived in Christ, died in Christ and in Christ our life never ends. So in church we remember those who "were" in the timely sense, but also remember past, present and future are held together in the promise that Christ will never leave us or forsake us. This knowledge has held the Christian community (family) together in a hope that come what may, Christ alone died for us. So when we gather it is not just those with whom we can bump elbows with but indeed all in Christ who in the past took the time to teach and love us in Christ and even those in the future who have had a seed planted in them that sprouts to become a giving faith in the Lord.

I say the above to you to lift up our Redeemer vision that All are Welcome! We who are members gather in various forms of fellowship: Worship, Coffee, Bible Study, Men's Group, Ladies Group, Outreach, Fellowship breakfast, Studies, and other avenues. There is a lot to choose from at Redeemer and when something new is started, it does not mean another area is being neglected. Each member is free to choose how much and/or how little they want to involve themselves with any group. But part of family is also supporting each other to varying degrees in their areas. When we do an outreach program of any kind for the community of course the primary goal is to touch the lives of those outside of Redeemer, but always an amazing thing happens- we are fed and nurtured in it as well. As Redeemer members join forces a fellowship and bonding happens for us too. Outreach and nurturing within the body is not mutually exclusive.

The above scripture says it all, especially if we understand the word "apostles". It could be exclusively "in house" if we don't understand it. They devoted themselves to Teaching and Fellowship, Breaking of bread and Prayers. That sounds very static and very in and for the community...BUT for the word "Apostles". The apostles were not held close and tight within the confines of Jerusalem or Capernaum...but Jesus sent them out to proclaim the Gospel. We can only be the gathering or the fellowship or the church when our building up each other equips us for the Apostles' teaching of "Going and Making Disciples".

Those whom we remember in small and big ways did that when they declared to us their love for Christ, how Christ changed them, and why they felt it important to gather with their church and ask others to join in. You do it when you take the time to do the same not just for you as primary goal...but for those that will believe after you in the love of God in Christ Jesus.

**In Christ,
Pastor David**

Council Highlights

Redeemer Lutheran Church Council — October 10, 2019

1. The nominating committee is looking for new council members to serve on council. Please let Tom Drown know if you are interested.
2. Redeemer will be in partnership with Christ Cathedral for an ecumenical Advent service on December 8th at 5 pm. This service will be at Christ Cathedral and will be the only Advent service that Redeemer will have. Redeemer and Christ Cathedral will have a joint Maundy Thursday service in the spring at Redeemer.
3. Council accepted the revised health care costs for Pastor.
4. The Memorial committee and Council have approved the requests for Chrismons and a piano humidifier from the memorial fund.

Council Meeting Minutes are available to read on the Council Bulletin Board and in the office.

Council Meetings are the 2nd Thursday of the month beginning at 6pm.



Budget Information

Treasurers Report:

Total income: \$231,821.32
Budget income: \$295,100.00

Total expense: \$215,652.89
Budgeted income: \$297.470.00



Creation Care Team

Living with Gratitude for Creation

November brings thoughts of Thanksgiving and time to reflect on life's abundance. Moving more deeply into autumn, we recognize the beauty of leaves changing colors, a cooler feel in the air, and Creation's timetable for rest. We are reminded that God has created everything, including us, and we pause to give thanks.

The following "Gratitude Scavenger Hunt" from Redeemer's Creation Care Team is offered to provide some opportunities to be outside, to create a deeper relationship with the natural world, and to give thanks. You might go on this hunt by yourself or do it with family members, neighbors, or friends.

Gratitude Scavenger Hunt

1. Find a leaf that has changed color from green to red, orange, or yellow. Give thanks for the beauty of Creation and the processes of nature that constantly occur as the seasons change. What can we learn from nature?
2. Find a peaceful place outside and sit quietly without any electronic devices for 20 minutes. Give thanks for air to breathe, water to drink, and food to eat – given to us by God. How can we live in ways that reduce pollution of land, air, and water?
3. Find a news story about an area of the world that has been affected by floods, fires, hurricanes, or typhoons. Give thanks for organizations that provide aid and relief, like the Red Cross, Lutheran Disaster Response, and Lutheran World Relief. How might we respond to care for communities that are hurting?
4. Find a Psalm that captures the wonder of Creation, and read it aloud outside. Give thanks for mountains and hills that sing and trees that clap their hands in joy. What would you say if you wrote a Psalm of gratitude for Earth?
5. Find something in nature that you can use to make a gift for someone. Give thanks for that friend and for the gift of creativity. What are the greatest gifts we can give to those around us – both human and non-human?



Church Events

Rejoicing Spirits

Join us on Saturday, November 9th

at 11:00 a.m.

here at Redeemer

Fellowship ~ Food ~ Fun

See page 9 for more information



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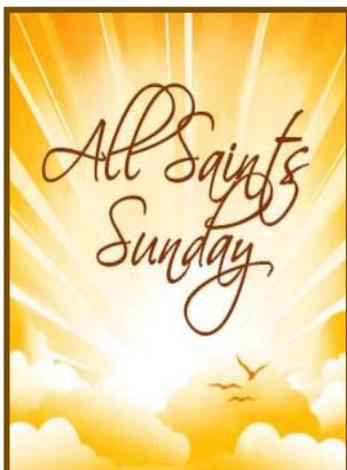
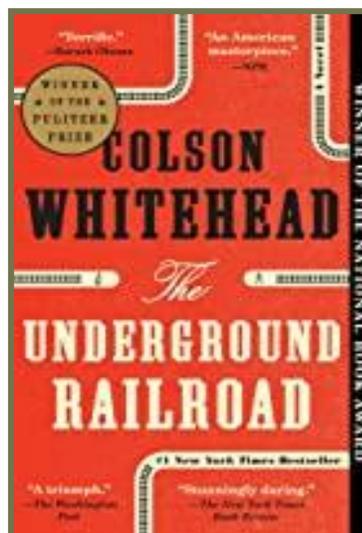
November 19

Underground Railroad

Host – Carol Kuhlman

Leader – Mary Shaffer

Book Club Meets on the 4th
Tuesday of the month.
(there are a few exceptions)



All Saints Sunday is November 3. On this day we lift up those up who have died during the last year. All Redeemer members will be on that list of those remembered. If there are others you would like to have remembered on this day please add that information to the Book of Remembrance located on the old altar in the gathering space. The following Memorial requests will be dedicated: To Altar Guild for Chrismos for Christmas tree from Ruth Sisler Fund & To Worship and Music for Piano humidifier from Neil Peterson Fund (Doris Simpson's brother).

For Your Information

INCLEMENT WINTER WEATHER POLICY



In the event of inclement weather, it will be the responsibility of the Council President and the Chairperson of the Property Committee to determine if such inclement weather is severe enough to cancel worship services or other scheduled events. There are basically three factors to be considered in deciding whether cancellation is warranted. These factors are:

- 1) Can the parking lot and access walks at the Church be cleared to allow the safe access to the Church in a timely manner?
- 2) Have city streets been cleared to allow reasonable safe access to the Church property.
- 3) Are general area road conditions good enough to allow Pastor and Music Director to travel to the Church safely?

Every effort will be made to make the cancellation determination at least 90 minutes before a Sunday worship service or event is scheduled to be held.

Once a decision is made to cancel service or event the following steps will be taken.

- 1) The Council President and the chairperson of the Property Committee will contact the Administrative Assistant to place a message on the telephone system to announce the cancellation. A sample message could be: "8:30 service and Sunday School have been cancelled today, 10:30 service will be held".
- 2) The Council President the Property Committee will make every effort to notify local media of cancellations. This will include TV and radio stations.
- 3) The Church Administrative Assistant will also make every effort to place notifications on Face book and the Church's website.

The above policy should allow Church Members and others to have alternate ways to determine if events have been cancelled.



Calling all Redeemer G.U.Y.S.

We will meet at our regular second Tuesday of the month on November 12 at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We'll break bread together; bring a dish to share if you can but come regardless. All guys are welcome, church member or not. Bring your thinking caps as we'll talk about what we want to accomplish in the coming year.

Good news on the water front!

Did you know that Redeemer has a filtered-water faucet in the old kitchen?

If you are missing the plastic water bottles, we have a solution for you! Just bring your own bottle, or use a Redeemer mug from the kitchen, and fill up as many times as you like.

If you use a church mug, you can just put it in the dishwasher afterward. How's that for earth stewardship and creation care?



2019 Christmas Poinsettias

Be a part of the Redeemer Lutheran Church Christmas spirit, by providing a contribution toward the purchase of poinsettias for the sanctuary. Fifteen dollars is a suggested minimum. Please fill out this form and return it to the office by Sunday, December 15.

Contribution by: _____

In Honor/Memory of: _____

Lectionary for Sundays in November

Sunday, November 3—All Saints Sunday

[Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18](#)

[Psalm 149:1](#)

[Ephesians 1:11-23](#)

[Luke 6:20-31](#)



²⁰Then [Jesus] looked up at his disciples and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹"Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

"Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²²"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

²⁴"But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

²⁵"Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

"Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

²⁷"But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you."

Sunday, November 10—22nd Sunday after Pentecost

[Job 19:23-27a](#)

[Psalm 17:8](#)

[2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17](#)

[Luke 20:27-38](#)



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, 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."

Sunday, November 17—23rd Sunday after Pentecost

[Malachi 4:1-2a](#)

[Psalm 98:9](#)

[2 Thessalonians 3:6-13](#)

[Luke 21:5-19](#)



⁵When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, ⁶"As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

⁷They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" ⁸And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

⁹"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." ¹⁰Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹²"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; ¹⁵for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your souls."

Sunday, November 24 — Christ the King

[Jeremiah 23:1-6](#)

[Psalm 46:10](#)

[Colossians 1:11-20](#)

[Luke 23:33-43](#)



³³When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴□ Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." □ And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴²Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Partners in Ministry

ALTAR GUILD: Vivian Cook & Jean Sedo

PARTNERS IN MINISTRY 8:00 SERVICE

	November 3	November 10	November 17	November 24
Greeters	Mary Shaffer & Cheryl Itschner	Virg Augustine & Noni Strand	Cheryl Itschner & Mary Shaffer	Sue & Gary Mettlen
Lector	Charlotte Herrman	Mary Shaffer	Jan Jackson	Virg Augustine
Communion	Charlotte Herrman & Sue Mettlen	Mary Shaffer & Noni Strand	Jan Jackson & Cheryl Itschner	Virg Augustine & Noni Strands
Sound	Perry Jurgensen	Perry Jurgensen	Perry Jurgensen	Perry Jurgensen

PARTNERS IN MINISTRY 10:30 SERVICE

Greeters	Rod & CeCelia Anderson	Grant & Kris Johanson	Wayne & Carol Keeler	Viv & Jim Cook
Ushers	Alan English & Jon Hotaling	Joe & Janis Plumer	Mike Ramage & Chad Curl	Tom Drown & Dan Metcalfe
Communion	Kris Neff, Joe & Janis Plumer	Anna Prockish, Tom Drown & Alan English	Pam Strahan, Ray & Debbie Beckman	Kendra Albin, Phil & Jean Sedo
Lector	Gary Jordan	Lana Jordan	Wayne Keeler	Carol Kuhlman
Sound	Ray Beckman	Mary Mertz	Tom Mertz	Kris Neff
Fellowship	Debbie & Ray Beckman	Carol & Wayne Keeler	Arlene Keil and Rod & Rosemary Anderson	Shellee & Steve Callahan

Concert at Redeemer

Lute Music from the World of Martin Luther

Kenneth Bé, lute and gittern

Tuesday, November 5, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

His repertoire for early plucked musical instruments spans from the earliest known lute tablatures of the late 15th century through the twilight of the lute in the late 18th century, plus the surviving music for the vihuela and guitar of the renaissance and baroque periods.



Church News

Please note that the piano in the sanctuary now has a humidifier attached under it to help keep the sound board in good condition. The humidifier runs on electricity so the piano is now plugged into a surge protector. The top board and the fallboard (top cover and keyboard cover) need to be kept closed to keep the humidity in. Don't let this discourage you from using our wonderful Yamaha piano! Just be careful if you move it and plug it back in when done.



— Thanks, Ruth

Redeemer's **Creation Care Team** invites adults and youth to participate in a video and discussion series, "EarthBound," between services on Sunday mornings, beginning on October 6, for six weeks. Pastor Strommen will facilitate the first session, and members of the Creation Care Team will provide leadership in the weeks to follow.

"This cutting-edge series takes Martin Luther's breakthrough understanding of Justification and Vocation and explodes it across God's magnificent creation. EarthBound is a journey beyond the rhetoric into God's rich and complex creation.

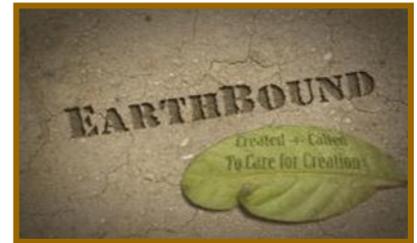
"Discover the origins of our misconceptions about Scripture's portrayal of creation. Recognize God's call to us to relate to the whole creation as our vocation. And experience how God's people throughout the Church are living out that call."

November 3: Now/Forever

November 10: Enough/Too Much

Join us at 9:10 am in November for this thought-provoking series as we learn from one another. Feel free to invite friends who might be interested in how our faith calls us to care for all that God has made.

VIDEO AND DISCUSSION SERIES



Seeking donation of medium-sized artificial Christmas tree (approximately 5 feet tall) for the Littles Godly Play group. Please call Carol Keeler 785-493-5485.



Take Note!



PARIS TO PITTSBURGH

THURSDAY, NOV. 21 | 6:30 P.M. | FITZPATRICK AUDITORIUM, KWU

Documentary Presented by KWU and Redeemer Lutheran Church

"Paris to Pittsburgh" is a 2018 documentary film directed by National Geographic and produced by Bloomberg Philanthropies, National Geographic and RadicalMedia. The film spotlights the cities, states, businesses and citizens taking action from coast-to-coast, including in America's heartland, while exploring the very real social and economic impacts of climate change-fueled disasters. "Paris to Pittsburgh" features voices from local leaders and ordinary Americans, presenting the stories of resiliency and recovery from disaster.

**A roundtable discussion featuring local environmental leaders will follow.
Admission is free, but seating is limited so tickets are required.**



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Rejoicing Spirits helpful tips

Adapted with kind permission from a poster provided by the Estia Centre

How to support people with autism

- Explain at every stage what you are about to do, what will happen next and why.
- Give the person enough time to understand the information you are sharing and wait a few seconds for a response if it is not given immediately.
- Questions should be clear and direct using language that is easy to understand and pictures where necessary – do not rely on the person to pick up on the meaning of your questions or body language.
- People with autism might take what you say literally so avoid words with a double meaning and humour that could be misunderstood.
- Maintain a routine – familiarity is often important to some people with autism.
- Social difficulties may include lack of eye contact and unusual body language, talking at inappropriate moments or about inappropriate topics.
- Repetitive behaviours might be a coping mechanism and therefore should be respected.
- The environment is important – some people with autism are particularly sensitive to light, movement, sounds, smell and touch. Try to keep the immediate environment as calm as possible to help alleviate any anxiety.
- Always consider the person's behaviour in terms of his or her autism, even if it becomes challenging.
- Ask the person and/or parent, carer or advocate what support they might need.

We are Family

11/08 Verle & Doris Simpson
 11/10 Brian & Denise Dusin
 11/26 Ed & Kris Neff



Happy November Birthday!

2	Charles Mayfield	9	Mark Weiss	24	LaNita Pratt
4	Joseph Weiss	12	Kris Neff	26	Rodney Anderson
5	Ann Metcalfe	13	Anita Hartley	28	Alan English
8	Janis Plumer	13	Elise Tonniges	28	Tresa Mayfield
9	Wally Koers	18	Ed Neff	29	Jackie Aurand
		19	Ken Mayfield		
		20	Dennis Kuhlman		



The Young Members will meet up at the Callahan home to share a meal and some fellowship on Saturday, November 9th at 6:00 p.m.,

My heartfelt thanks for the pastoral visit and all the thoughts and prayers from the congregation for Zona Homeier's family during our time of grieving.

~~LaNita Pratt

A very special THANK YOU to our Redeemer friends who volunteered to help us load and unload the boxes for our recent move. It was amazing that it was accomplished in such a short period of time. We consider ourselves blessed to be a part of the Redeemer Family.

~~Becky & Carl Pyle

Thank you for last years scholarship to Wittenberg. Again the university will match the gift from Redeemer. I appreciate your support so much. Thanks again.

—Benjamin Strommen



Content of the Ringer depends on you, the members of this church, for articles, photos, important dates, etc. **The December Newsletter deadline is November 18th at 12:00 pm.** Information turned in after this date might not be included. Please respect this deadline and the editor by adhering to this policy. The newsletter is available by email, mail or at the church.

Godly Play

Have a busy week?

We are open late on Wednesday and you can leave the cooking to us.

Wednesday night at Redeemer is a rewarding and relaxing time for everyone.

Come and join us for all or part of the evening activities.

For more information contact: Carol Kuhlman at 577-2365 , Sandi Drown at 452-2417, or Carol Keeler at 493-5485.



5:30 - Weekly Meal

The evening begins with a light supper, prepared and served by Redeemer volunteers, in the fellowship hall. The meal is free, but donations are accepted.



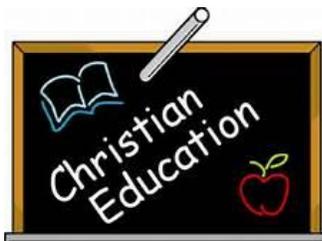
6:00 - Godly Play for children age 3 through 3rd grade.

What is Godly Play? A child-honoring way of entering into and experiencing the biblical story. We use manipulative story characters and imagination to experience the biblical story through narrative story, parables, liturgical actions and silence. Children are not told what to believe, but are exposed to the story experience. Through this open-ended approach we hear the deepest invitation to come play with God.



6:00—Connect for 4th-6th Grade class with Debbie Beckman

6:00 - Worship—An informal Communion worship service is held every week.



After Worship stay for more learning

7th & 8th Grade Confirmation with Pastor

High School with Sheila Alstatt

Adults with Pastor David Strommen

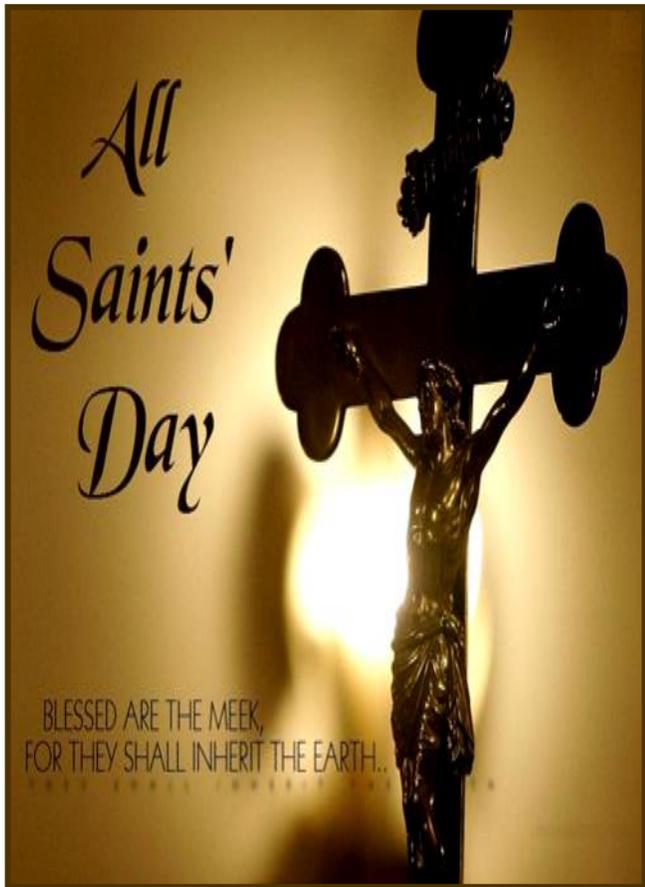


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November



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 800 Worship 910 Earthbound 1030 Worship ALL SAINT'S SUNDAY	4	5 530 Creation Care 545 Worship & Music ELECTION DAY 730 Lute Concert	6 900 Bible Study 530 Godly Play	7 100 Womens Life Group	8	9 1100 Rejoicing Spirits 600 Young Members
10 800 Worship 910 Earthbound 1030 Worship	11	12 630 G.U.Y.S.	13 900 Bible Study 530 Godly Play	14 100 Womens Life Group 600 Council Meeting	15	16 100 NCKDSS Christmas Party
17 800 Worship 1030 Worship 200 Organ Workshop 400 Pipes & Brass concert	18 1200 Ringer deadline 600 Silver Needles	19 400 Page Turners	20 900 Bible Study 530 Godly Play	21 930 Silver Needles Sew-In 100 Womens Life Group	22	23
24 800 Worship 1030 Worship	25	26	27 900 Bible Study	28  Thanksgiving Day	29  OFFICE CLOSED	30



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Weekly Church Events

Sunday Communion Worship

8:00 Communion worship
 10:30 Communion worship

Wednesday morning

9:00 Bible Study

Wednesday Evening Activities

5:30—Dinner
 6:00—Godly Play
 6:15—Communion Worship
 Followed by Education
 7:15—Music practice

Organist: Ruth Mirtz

Choir Director: Ann Metcalfe

**Bell Director and
 Worship Accompanist:**

Britney English

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