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A Weekly Newsletter



St. James Lutheran Church

*"Growing in Christ Through Worship, Learning,
Fellowship, and Service."*

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 1



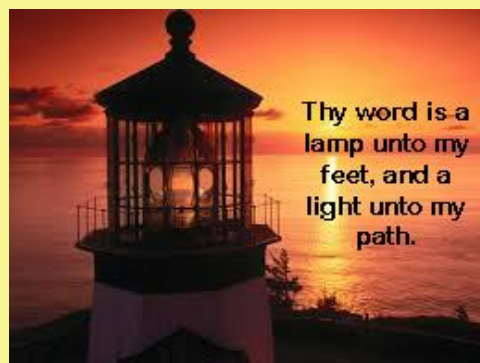
Worship Bulletin Nov. 1

ALL SAINTS DAY

All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

First Reading Revelation 7:9-17
Psalm Psalm 34:1-10, 22
Second Reading 1 John 3:1-3
Gospel Matthew 5:1-12





Online Worship for Sunday, November 1 will be available on Facebook and YouTube at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday morning. An email with links will be sent when the online worship service is posted. You can open or print the bulletin and follow along with the service.

CHURCH NEWS



ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 1

9:30 am Online Worship Service
5:00 pm Youth In-Person

Wednesday, November 4

9:30 pm College Online



Thursday, November 5

6:30 pm Bible Heroes Pre - 2
7:00 pm Bible Heroes 3 - 5

Sunday, November 8

9:30 am Online Worship Service
10:00 am Zoom Sunday School
5:00 pm Zoom Youth Meeting

NOVEMBER 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 All Saints Day 9:30 am Online Worship 5:00 pm Youth In-Person	2	3	4 9:30 College Online	5 6:30 pm Bible Heroes Pre-2 nd 7:00 pm Bible Heroes 3 rd – 5 th	6	7
8 Pentecost 23 9:30 am Online Worship 10:00 am Sunday School – Zoom 5:00 pm Youth Zoom	9	10 6:00 pm Congregation Council	11 7:00 pm Drive-In Worship 9:30 College Online 	12 6:30 pm Bible Heroes Pre-2 nd 7:00 pm Bible Heroes 3 rd – 5 th	13 7:00 pm Youth Drive-In Movie	14
15 Pentecost 24 10:00 am In-Person Worship 5:00 pm Youth In-Person	16	17	18 9:30 College Online	19 6:30 pm Bible Heroes Pre-2 nd 7:00 pm Bible Heroes 3 rd – 5 th	20	21
22 Christ the King 10:00 am In-Person Worship 2:00 pm Confirmation Cluster 5:00 pm Youth Zoom	23	24	25 7:00 pm Drive-In Worship 	26 Thanksgiving Church Office Closed	27 Church Office Closed	28
29 Advent 1 10:00 am In-Person Worship No Youth	30					

[Download Calendar](#)



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- 01-Nov Juanita Fitts
- 02-Nov Mary Elizabeth Stewart
- 02-Nov Patricia Weisel
- 03-Nov David Cruse
- 03-Nov Kerri Kiker
- 04-Nov David Klein
- 06-Nov Ed Ballard
- 07-Nov Brittany Wilson



Now Thank We All Our God

Now thank we all our God
With heart and hands and voices
Who wondrous things hath done
In whom His world rejoices
Who from our mother's arm
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love
And still is ours today

FROM THE PASTOR

O give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever. (Psalm 107:1)

It is that time of year when our hearts and minds turn toward family gatherings, delicious foods, parades, holidays shopping and as we will celebrate on November 26, giving thanks for the blessings of a bountiful life. Except, 2020 has been anything but bountiful as many of the things we are often most thankful for have been compromised or taken from us because of the pandemic and social distancing, not to mention the election taking place on November 3 and the potential consequences of the results. In a time where the one thing we seem to have an abundance of is fear and anxiety, how can we give thanks?

That is where Martin Rinkart, a Lutheran pastor and the author of the hymn “*Now Thank we all Our God*,” is helpful. The hymn is thought to have been written during the Thirty Years War in Central Europe, where between 4.5 and 8 million people died, mostly from disease and starvation. Life was anything but bountiful. In addition to having trouble providing food and shelter for his family, at the heart of the plague in 1637 Rinkart was the last remaining minister in his village and did and many as 40-50 funerals a day. So how could he give thanks?

Rinkart’s song of thanksgiving begins by recalling God’s countless gifts of love:

Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices, who wondrous things has done, in whom our world rejoices; who, from our mother’s arms, has blest us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

It is Rinkart’s focus and gratitude in God’s past faithfulness that enables him in the second verse to pray for God’s continued care:

Oh may this bounteous God through all our live be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us, and keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed, and free us from all harm in this world and the next.

This in turn leads Rinkart to give praise and thanks for God’s eternal nature and care:

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given, the Son and him who reigns with them in highest heaven, the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore; for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

Ultimately, Rinkart's ability to give thanks and praise had little to do with his current circumstances and everything to do with the one who was present in the midst of his circumstances, the one whose countless gifts of love had always and would always sustain him and the world...and the same is true for us.

I invite you this month, to focus less on what we don't have and what might or might not happen, and more on what we do have, and the one whose goodness and mercy and countless gifts of steadfast love has always and will always sustain us!

Thankful for the life we share,
Pastor Tony

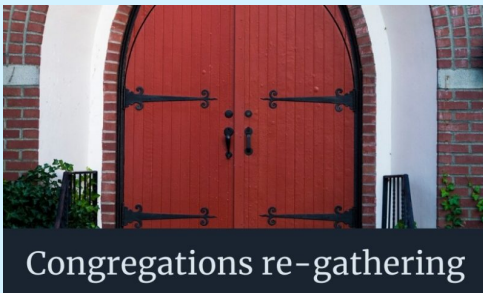
COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

A reminder that all nominations for Congregation Council must be received in the church office by November 8. If you are nominating someone, please be sure that they are willing to serve. You can access the nomination form at:

<https://forms.gle/ziZnrG1BZzhzKEDn8>



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IN-PERSON WORSHIP

In-person worship will resume on November 15 at St. James. Social distancing, distanced seating, masks, and temperature checks will be required. Congregational singing will not be an option indoors, but we will

have music and other means of congregational participation. We understand that not everyone will be comfortable returning to the building so the recorded service will still be available on-line.

Plan for Returning to Worship

SOCIAL MINISTRY

CUDDLE UP COAT DRIVE

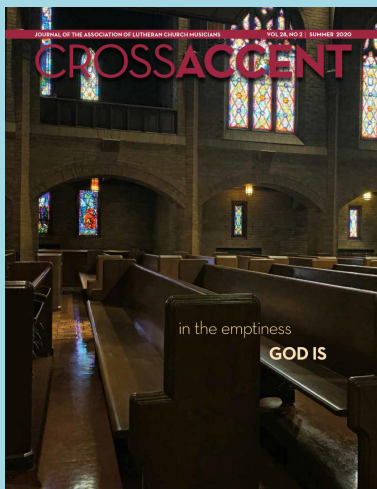
The Cabarrus Partnership for Children kicked

off its 14th annual Cuddle Up Coat Drive on October 1st. This winter, more than ever, we need your help to ensure all of our community's children are warm.



In an effort to keep our families, children, and staff safe, we will not be accepting coats, socks, underwear, mittens or hats this year. Instead we are asking for checks (written to St. James Lutheran Church, note Coat Drive in the memo line), so that the Partnership staff can purchase the coats and winter items that local children need.

CHURCH-WIDE NEWS



EFFECTS ON WORSHIP AND MUSIC

The Summer 2020 issue of **CrossAccent** is devoted to issues surrounding the pandemic. Fourteen contributors—musicians, pastors, scholars, theologians, and a physician—have provided wisdom, experience, advice, and encouragement for these uncertain and challenging times in their reflections on the pandemic's wide-ranging effects on worship and music. Offered by the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians to the whole church.

[Find All the Reflections Here.](#)

YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS

YOUTH REGATHERING

We were able to gather in person in March and that was the last time we were able to meet in person, up until NOW! The Synod Guidelines have change and now Youth and Children may gather together within these guidelines:

- Outside only
- Wear masks
- Practice social distancing



- Have no more than 25 people total
- **November 1** Youth In-Person
- **November 8** Youth Zoom
- **November 13** Youth Drive-In Movie
- **November 15** Youth In-Person
- **November 22** Youth Zoom
- **November 29** No Youth

CHURCH RESOURCES



You can manage your giving online! Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions or make a one time contribution and view your complete online giving history

from anywhere you have access to the Internet. In a few short minutes, you can make a one-time gift or set up a donation that will process automatically on a recurring basis. Recurring donations are convenient and provide our church with much needed consistent support throughout the year.

The need for your giving and support continues, even though we have had to cancel gathering and corporate worship services.

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