

Friendly Messenger

November 2019

Saints and Sinners

On November 3, we will observe All Saints Day. We will remember the loved ones we have lost—the saints among us who made an impact in our lives. Conventionally, when we think of saints, we might think of someone whose behavior was exemplary and service was self-sacrificial. They managed to be obedient to God's will and have been lifted up as "super holy" people. Indeed, there are people who have been canonized for their great faith and witness to the Gospel.

From a Lutheran perspective, sainthood is less about what we do and is more about our relationship to God. Martin Luther provided a new framework for understanding sainthood, one that is fruitfully connected to our sinfulness. Article III of the Augsburg Confession defines sin as the self-centered failure to trust God. Luther called Christians "simultaneously saint and sinner" (In Latin: *Simul Justus et Peccator*). He redefined a saint as a forgiven sinner. Saints are sinners, but they are forgiven and absolved, he said. In our baptism, God's Word claims us and yokes us with Christ so that when God looks upon us, he sees us through Jesus. Until we are glorified, we are neither one or the other, sinner or saint, we are both! God, through Christ, changed our relationship and reconciled us to Godself. Indeed, one day we will join our loved ones in the great and mystical communion of saints. Until then, in our earthly lives, we may rejoice that through Christ, we are forgiven anew each day!

And that is a wonderful gift of grace indeed!

We have a lot going on this month! I hope to see you at these important events!

Highlighted Events

Sunday, November 3

All Saints Day
Baptismal Birthday Recognition
Annual Meeting
Christmas Program Practice and Lunch

Sunday, November 17

Annual Meeting
Children's Christmas Program Practice and Lunch

Wednesday, November 20

Community Prayer Service
6:30 pm

Sunday, November 24

Confirmation Service Project

Wednesday, November 27

Thanksgiving Eve Service at Wesley's Chapel

Blessings

Pastor Adrienne

Church Council did not meet in September PAGE 2



The **Fred T. Foard Senior Citizens** group meets on the first Wednesday of each month for lunch and a program. The group will meet November 6th here at Sardis. All are invited to join us for fun, food, and fellowship.

Hymn Choir

Hymn Choir will sing the second Sunday in November. We welcome you to join us in the choir room to prepare for worship. Hymn Choir is an open invitation to members of the congregation to be part of the Music Ministry without weekly commitment.



Social Ministry **QUILTS AND BLANKETS MISSION**

It certainly would be nice to feel the warmth and comfort of a quilt or blanket on cold nights. We can help make this possible. These items will be collected for Lutheran World Relief. The deadline will be November 10th. Thank you!

Benefit BBQ Chicken

A Benefit BBQ Chicken Dinner and Entertainment is being held to help with ongoing medical bills as a result of Neuroendocrine Carcinoma for Kristin Teague. The date is Friday, November 1st at 6pm at Wayneo's Silver Bullet. BBQ Chicken, Beans, Slaw, Roll and Dessert will be served. Tickets are \$20.00. See Jane to purchase your tickets.

Annual Meeting

Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on November 3rd. The 2020 Spending Plan, the list of Council, Nominating and Scholarship Committee nominees will be handed out.

Sardis Sisters

Mark your November Calendars! Tuesday, November 12, at 6:00 pm, the Twister Brush Ladies will be back at Sardis to help us design a unique Christmas decoration. Participants will have a choice of 8 designs! Christmas Tree - \$25.00 or Santa Face, Santa Hat, Reindeer head, Snowman head, Snowman Tree Tier, Ornament, or the most requested MANAGER SCENE – each \$30.00. Paint, brushes, spray fixative, and bows will be provided. Please let Donna or Susan know which design you prefer so the ladies will bring enough of the templates so everyone gets their first choice. Sisters will pay the Twisted Brush Ladies on that night.

Land Use Committee

The Land Use Committee has met several times in October. They have compiled a survey, that will be handed out November 3rd at our Congregational Meeting. Please take the time, prayerfully, to fill out the survey and return it on November 17th during the collection of ballots. Your opinion DOES matter and the committee needs your input.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

November

11/16 Evan Lail
 11/18 Emma Jarrett
 11/19 Austin Babb
 11/20 Pat Lail
 Andy Ruggles
 11/21 Rebecca J. Ritz
 Phyllis Reep
 Ray Whitener

11/22 Tryston Sylvester
 11/24 Osama Yousef
 11/27 Tommy Hoyle
 11/28 Megan Roseman
 Roger Teague

Anniversaries

Dennis & Denise Thompson
 11-8
Bennie & Edna Fulbright
 11-18
Dwight & Hope Gladden
 11-28
Joe & Phyllis Biggerstaff
 11-23

November

Baptisms

11/5 Dena P. Townsend 1968
 11/10 Betty Nail 1934
 11/11 Dennis Clay 1951
 11/15 Cash Fulbright 2015
 Dot Lutz 1931
 11/21 Cayden A. Hood 2010
 11/25 Paisley A. Hood 2012

A Note from the Secretary/ Treasure

Several months ago my cell phone was hacked and I had to get a new number. I am posting my cell in the bulletin each Sunday. Please change your directories with the new number, 828-302-8458. Thank you,

ACOLYTE / CRUCIFER / COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Nov. 3rd	Ray Whitener	Tryston Sylvester	Al King
Nov. 10th	Ray Whitener	Rick Johnson	Ken Propst
Nov. 17th	Marilyn Teague	Roger Teague	Bruce Sigman
Nov. 24th	Samuel Biggerstaff	Nena Babb	Zach Stuart

USHERS

Lutheran Men in Mission

ALTAR FLOWERS

Nov. 3rd	Tim & Barbara Whitener
Nov. 10th	Rick & Rita Lutz
Nov. 17th	Ray & Margaret Whitener
Nov. 24th	Joe Rudisill

LAY READERS & GREETERS

Nov. 3rd	Becky Gladden	Bruce & Sharon Sigman
Nov. 10th	Jon Gladden	Bruce Sigman & Al King
Nov. 17th	Marilyn Teague	Margaret Propst & Kay Whitener
Nov. 24th	Nena Babb	Roger & Marilyn Teague

COMMUNION PREPARATION AND CLEAN-UP

Donna Biggerstaff Barbara J. Whitener

COUNCIL CONTACT & ASSISTING MINISTER

Becky Gladden Jon Gladden

SATURDAY MEAL DELIVERY

Nov. 2nd	Donna Biggerstaff
Nov. 9th	No Meal Delivery
Nov. 16th	Jill Bledsoe
Nov. 23rd	No Meal Delivery
Nov. 30th	Dawn Covington

OFFERING COUNTERS

Nov. 3rd	Dwayne Whitener, Sherrie Midgett, Patsy Johnson
Nov. 10th	Dwayne Whitener, Al & Sylvia King
Nov. 17th	Dwayne Whitener, Sherrie & Mike Midgett
Nov. 24th	Dwayne Whitener, Susan Jones, Nena Babb, Sandra Roseman

SECURITY

Nov. 3rd	Zachary Stuart
Nov. 10th	Rick Johnson
Nov. 17th	Wayne Jarrett
Nov. 24th	Ralph Stallings

Delivery Week BACKPACK PROGRAM

Nov. 1st	Dawn Covington/Carolyn Truitt
Nov. 8th	Joe & Phyllis Biggerstaff
Nov. 15th	Rick & Rita Lutz
Nov. 22nd	Gene & Donna Biggerstaff
Nov. 26th	Dwayne & Barbara Whitener

Pickup Warehouse

Barbara E. Whitener

November 2019

Sardis Lutheran Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
					1	2 9am—2pm Wesley Chapel Holi- day Bazaar
3 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service & Holy Communion/ Baptismal Recognition and Annual Congregation Meeting 12:00 Christmas Play Practice 6:00 WELCA 6:00 Choral Festival at Trinity Lutheran	4	5 6	6 12:00 FTF Seniors meet at Sardis 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	7	8	9
10 LMM SUNDAY 9:30 Sunday School Hymn Choir 10:30 Worship Service & Holy Communion 2:00 Confirmation at Sardis 7:00 Church Council	11	12 6:00 Sardis Sisters meet at Sardis	13 10:00 Nellie B's 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	14	15	16
17 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Cont. of Congregation Meeting Worship Service & Holy Communion 12:00 Christmas Play Practice	18	19	20 6:00 Handbells 6:30 Community Prayer Service 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	21	22	23
24 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service & Holy Communion 11:45 Prayer Group 3:00 Confirmation Service Project 3:00 Trinity Ridge 6:00 LMM	25 Sardis at ECCCM	26	27 10:00 Nellie B's 6:00 TG Eve Soup/Sandwich at Wesley Chapel	28 Thanksgiving Office Closed	29	30

NOTE

If you have a birthday or anniversary and they are not listed please let the office know. Also, check your Family Bible and advise your baptismal date. Thank you.



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October 11, 2019

Sardis Lutheran Church
6103 NC Hwy 10 West
Hickory, NC 28602-9733

Dear Friends in Christ,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$101.00 to the Annual Fund (where needed most). Your gift changes everything for children like *Lily. Lily's family can no longer provide for her, so a family in one of our partner congregations welcomed her into their home. Lily is friends with their daughter from school. Lily's short life hasn't been easy or supportive. As a middle schooler, Lily wasn't excited about attending worship with her friend's family on a weekly basis. She wasn't excited about attending camp for the first time either. She arrived at camp with her guard up.

"I tried to check in with the girls each day at meals," said their pastor. "The first day she spoke to me. After that she was too busy talking and laughing with her friends to even realize I was there." It wasn't just making friends that changed everything for Lily while at camp. It was her counselor, C3ARE, vespers and the community of faith. "She couldn't stop talking about camp all the way home, and now she is an acolyte. She no longer complains about attending worship each week and she is sharing God moments at youth group."

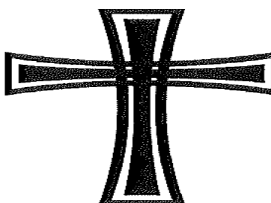
Like nearly 400 children, Lily came to camp on a scholarship this summer. Changes like Lily's are not possible without your generosity. Thank you again for your loyal and steadfast support. Your gift changes everything.

Sincerely in Christ,

Boyd W. Harris, IV
Executive Director-CEO

Mitzie Schafer, Deacon
Vice President for Advancement

P.S. NovusWay has the free resources to assist with comprehensive estate planning for those who want to learn more about leaving a legacy that changes everything. Contact Mitzie Schafer at 803-413-7827 or mschafer@novusway.org to learn more.



"So Much to Sing About!"

A Choral Festival

Trinity Lutheran Church's second annual choral festival will be a musical event you will not want to miss! The festival choir, under the direction of Mr. John Lineberger and Ms. Loretta Beam, will be composed of choir members from Cedar Grove, and Trinity Lutheran Churches.

This festival was established in 2016 by John Lineberger who was then the Director of Music & Organist of First Presbyterian Church, Lincolnton. This year's festival will be the fourth in its history. In keeping with tradition, the festival choir will conclude by singing Dr. Paul D. Weber's anthem, "So Much to Sing About," from which the festival gets its namesake.

Date & Time:

Sunday, the third of November,
Two thousand nineteen
Six o'clock in the evening

Location:

Trinity Lutheran Church
2700 Trinity Church Road
Vale, North Carolina

Admission is free. A "Love Offering" will be received during the festival.



Serving the hungry in Hickory since 1983

October 18, 2019

Sardis Lutheran Church
6103 NC Hwy 10 NW
Hickory, NC 28602

Dear Friends,

Thank you for partnering with us in ministering to the needy in our community. Generous gifts like yours of the Blessing Bags donated on 10/11/19 make it possible for us to help meet the increasing needs of those who are hungry and in need in our area. We depend upon compassionate friends like you to enable us to continue to address their needs. Thank you for your faithfulness.

The staff, clients and board members of the Hickory Soup Kitchen greatly appreciate your participation in our ministries. May you continue to experience God's loving presence and blessings.

For tax purposes, it is affirmed that you received no goods, services, or tangible benefits from your contributions.

Sincerely,

Austin Pearce
Austin Pearce
Executive Director
Hickory Soup Kitchen

*You all are wonderful!
Thank you so
much for your
trust and support.*



*Please join us . . .
for our annual*

Holiday Bazaar

**Saturday,
November 2nd**

**BBQ sandwiches, hot dogs,
homemade soup;
Baked goods and homemade jams,
jellies, preserves, and pickles;
Handmade Christmas items and crafts;
Handmade quilt raffle**

**Doors open at 9 a.m.
Quilt raffle drawing at 2 p.m.**

**Wesley Chapel
United Methodist Church
2613 Wesley Chapel Road, Newton, NC
(in the fellowship hall)**

We look forward to seeing you!



Our beautiful front doors will be dedicated on October 27th, 2019. They are in Loving Memory of Kathryn Bledsoe. Kathryn was a dedicated member of Sardis. These doors represent the true testament of the love everyone had for her.