

Every year, November 1st is a special day in the Church year. It is All Saints' Day (or sometimes called All Hallows' Day, which makes October 31st All Hallows' Eve or Halloween), a day when we remember God's people who have gone before us and now dwell in paradise in the presence of Jesus. Today we celebrate this holy day by remembering our brothers and sisters from our St. John family who have died this past year. As we remember them, we are also encouraged by them and their legacies as we continue in our own faith journeys. Throughout worship today, you are invited to think about those who have gone before you and how their legacies of faith have shaped your life as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

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**Sermon Notes**  
**"A Year of Death"**

- \* *How have you experienced death this year?*
  
- \* *What is the history of All Saints' Day?*
  
- \* *Who are the saints?*
  
- \* *In this year of death, what assurance do you have about the saints who have gone before you?*
  
- \* *As we continue through this challenging year, how will you continue to lean on the victorious Gospel?*

**MISSION STATEMENT**

*"At St. John Lutheran Church,  
our purpose is to make  
and equip disciples everywhere  
by proclaiming  
Jesus Christ as Savior."*



**WHAT'S  
HAPPENING**

*The week of November 1 at St. John!*

- \* **10:30 am Worship Change ...** Our final outdoor worship service is on Sunday, November 1. Beginning Sunday, November 8, both the 8:00 and 10:30 am services will be in the Sanctuary. However, we will have our FM transmitter working during both services. If you plan to stay in your car and worship from there, please park in the back row of the parking lot and our Elder will bring you the bulletin and Communion supplies.
- \* **Fall Online Bible Study ...** Pastor Stadler is leading an 8-week Bible study on the books of Ruth — a surprising, unexpected ancestress of Jesus, and Esther — an undercover Jew who saved her people from extinction. These studies are on Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm. Each session will take place online via Zoom and the recorded studies will be available on our website. To access the 5th session on October 29, go to <http://bit.ly/Ruth-EstherSessions5>. To access the 6th session on November 5, go to <http://bit.ly/Ruth-EstherSession6>.
- \* **Christian Basics Class ...** Are you looking to learn more about the basics of the Christian faith? Perhaps you want a refresher on a certain area of the faith. If so, we are offering an 8-week Christian Basics Class on our website and Facebook page on Monday nights at 6:30 pm. The 5th class on November 2 is on *God the Holy Spirit*.
- \* **Encouragement to Vote ...** God calls us to be good citizens and one of our duties as citizens in this country is to cast our votes for our elected officials. Now that election day is less than a month away, we encourage you to make sure that you're registered and that you vote!
- \* **Upcoming Focus on Justice ...** Over the first two weeks of November, we will focus on the theme of Justice. On Wednesday, November 4, Dr. John and Monique Nunes will present via Zoom on restoration and reconciliation. Go to <http://bit.ly/NunesPresentation> for more information. Then, on Sunday, November 8 the sermon, Bible study, and Sunday School will look at the topic of justice. Finally, on Tuesday, November 10, our own Pastor Koschmann will present on this topic via Zoom for our fall Community Conversations (details TBD).
- \* **In Our Prayers ...** Rock Gjeremo, Renee Holz, Marion Hastings, Chris Emery, Jon Friel, Vance Grannis, Bruce Dahlberg, Joanne Dahlin, Lisa Larsen, Ruth Hagemeyer, Laura DePetro, Lorraine Schire, Kevin Portuguese, Mary Schultz, Peter Nyout, Oline Tolbert, Doug Lasker, Dolores Weir, Carol Mrozik, Betsy Dehler, Gene Pommerening
- \* **Weekly Social Media Post ...**  
It's good to remember those who have gone before us and now dwell in paradise with Jesus. We should also be shaped by their faith legacies as we live as disciples of Jesus. [#stjohnwoodbury](#) [#AllSaintsDay](#)