



To Live and Love Like Jesus

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## Weekly E-News November 12, 2021



### THOUGHT FOR THE JOURNEY....

***“...whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that He might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.”***

**-Romans 14:8-9**

All Saint's Sunday was this last Sunday. All Saints Day is usually 1 November, but we celebrate it on the first Sunday in November as an important day to remember those who have lived and died in the faith. Since the 9<sup>th</sup> century, this commemoration has developed from a belief that there is a powerful spiritual bond between those in heaven (the “Church triumphant”) and the living (the “Church militant”), and so this day revolves around giving thanks to God for the lives of his saints, including those people that we are all familiar with, and more obscure individuals – like friends, grandmothers, and others who have made a difference in our personal lives who have died in the past year.

As I looked at the altar area when I came into church early this morning (Monday), I saw the two vases up by the altar where members and guests were directed to place a red rose to remember a loved one who had died this past year. The vases were full. That tells me that there has been a lot of loss this past year and that it was a good thing for us to pause to remember the “saints” in our lives.

As far as our local observance, we remember eight individuals who were members/ friends of Advent who have died this last year. I had the honor of pastoring Bette, Carole Ann, Vivian, Glenn, Dave, Trudy, John and Susan at various times during their lives. I will miss the unique gifts and personalities that all of them possessed. I will miss seeing them physically as part of this community.

But, we believe that there truly is a connection between our early community and the heavenly community, so I trust in a God who is with each of us from the beginning to the end of our lives. He will protect and be gracious to these saints as he has always shown his love for those that live as well as those who die. I’m thankful that we take a moment on All Saints’ Sunday to pay homage to those saints we have lost as well as give praise and thanksgiving to a God who loves us enough that He sent His Son to show us that death is just the beginning of a whole new life with God.

Peace,

Pastor Joel



*Pastor Joel is officiating at Kelcy Rhoades wedding (Kayla and Scott, parents) in Topeka, Kansas this weekend. Congratulations to Kelcy and Cordell!*

## GENEROSITY REPORT

GENERAL OFFERING 10/28-11/3	YEAR TO DATE THRU OCT. 31ST
BUDGET: \$ 11,482	INCOME: \$ 184,420
ACTUAL: \$ 18,684	EXPENSES: \$ 201,163
DIFFERENCE: \$ 7,202	\$ (16,743)

Our Vanco mobile app is now live! Invitation code is **4B6GP7**

[click here for Online Giving](#)

*Give a gift to the Endowment Fund  
Now or as a bequest in your will.*



Since the mortgage is paid off, we will not have a gift for the ChristChild this year. Please consider giving to **Christmas Ministry** in its stead. The inability to have fundraisers has left the account sadly depleted.

**Jackie Essman's** senior flute recital will be on November 20th at 3:30pm at Iron's Recital Hall on the campus of UTA. You are all invited to attend.



### THE LORD'S PANTRY FOR THANKSGIVING

Thanks to some generous members we do not need any more mayonnaise, stuffing mix, instant potatoes or salad dressing. However, we do still need, salad oil, sugar (granulated and brown) jelly, powdered milk, chocolate chips and flour. We will collect it on Sunday, November 14 and 21.

We would love for you to help pack it on Monday November 22 at 9:00 AM in Luther Hall, and then distribute it Monday November 22nd at 5:15. Come and see how happy the people are to receive your donations. If you have any questions call me at 817 228-6232. - Carol Kocher

### Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, December 1, 2021

1:00 pm in the Gathering Room

Please join us and bring your knitting, crocheting, looming or just come to visit..



## Do you wish to receive a visit from one of our Eucharistic Ministers?

If you have been vaccinated, notify the church office and one of the coordinators will contact you to make arrangements.

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## Do you have a Thrivent account? Do you know you can get up to \$500 for Advent Ministries by being an Action Team Leader?

It isn't as scary as it sounds. Check out the [Thrivent website](#) and if you need help we can get someone to assist you in filling out the form.

The Ulster Project Arlington is celebrating it's 28th year bringing christians together and creating leaders for both Northern Ireland and here in Arlington TX. We are please to announce the project will restart this July 2022 and we will be looking for teens and their host families to participate in the project. In case you or your staff are unfamiliar with this worthy project , I've included or link for applications as well as a short video that really explains how this project is so beneficial to our host families. If you have any questions feel free to reach back to me and we can even set up a visit to personally talk about the project. Thank you for being one of our supporting churches and hope you will continue to pray for the success of the project and let those in your parish, open to hosting know about this great opportunity. Teens would need to be 13-16 years old this summer and able to participate in the 22 day program.

Yours in Christ, Pete Sanders  
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