

## All Saints Day

# IN TOUCH

with the ministry and people of Living Word

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## "The Solemnity of All Saints"

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### PRAYER CHAIN

#### REQUESTS

Please call

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for immediate prayers



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Word may live in others.

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#### \*\* NEW SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:00 am Adult study

10:00 am Worship

### The Story of the Solemnity of All Saints

The earliest certain observance of a feast in honor of all the saints is an early fourth-century commemoration of "all the martyrs." In the early seventh century, after successive waves of invaders plundered the catacombs, Pope Boniface IV gathered up some 28 wagon-loads of bones and reinterred them beneath the Pantheon, a Roman temple dedicated to all the gods. The pope rededicated the shrine as a Christian church. According to Venerable Bede, the pope intended "that the memory of all the saints might in the future be honored in the place which had formerly been dedicated to the worship not of gods but of demons" (*On the Calculation of Time*).

But the rededication of the Pantheon, like the earlier commemoration of all the martyrs, occurred in May. Many Eastern Churches still honor all the saints in the spring, either during the Easter season or immediately after Pentecost.

How the Western Church came to celebrate this feast, now recognized as a solemnity, in November is a puzzle to historians. The Anglo-Saxon theologian Alcuin observed the feast on November 1 in 800, as did his friend Arno, Bishop of Salzburg. Rome finally adopted that date in the ninth century.

### Reflection

This feast first honored martyrs. Later, when Christians were free to worship according to their consciences, the Church acknowledged other paths to sanctity. In the early centuries the only criterion was popular acclaim, even when the bishop's approval became the final step in placing a commemoration on the calendar. The first papal canonization occurred in 993; the lengthy process now required to prove extraordinary sanctity took form in the last 500 years. Today's feast honors the obscure as well as the famous—the saints each of us have known.



# November 2020



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 9:00 am Adult Bible Study 10:00 am Worship-Comm <b>Daylight Savings Time Ends</b> <b>Clocks Fall Back 1 Hour</b>	<b>2</b> 9:00–3:00 Nature Exploration Academy	<b>3</b> 10:00 am PUSH  <b>Election Day</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 9:00 am – 12:00 pm Preschool  9:00–3:00 Nature Exploration Acad.	<b>6</b> 9:30 am POW Study	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 9:00 am Adult Bible Study 10:00 am Worship	<b>9</b> 9:00–3:00 Nature Exploration Academy	<b>10</b> 9:00 am – 12:00 pm Preschool 10:00 am PUSH 9:00–3:00 Nature Exploration Academy	<b>11</b> 9:00 am – 12:00 pm Preschool 9:00–3:00 Nature Exploration Acad.  <b>Veterans Day</b>	<b>12</b> 9:00 am – 12:00 pm Preschool  9:00–3:00 Nature Exploration Acad.	<b>13</b> 9:30 am POW Study	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 9:00 am Adult Bible Study 9:30 am Worship-Comm	<b>16</b> 9:00–3:00 Nature Exploration Academy	<b>17</b> 9:00 am – 12:00 pm Preschool 10:00 am PUSH 9:00–3:00 Nature Exploration Academy	<b>18</b> 9:00 am – 12:00 pm Preschool 9:00–3:00 Nature Exploration Acad.	<b>19</b> 9:00 am – 12:00 pm Preschool  9:00–3:00 Nature Exploration Acad.	<b>20</b> 9:30 am POW Study	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 9:00 am Adult Bible Study 10:00 am Worship	<b>23</b> 9:00–3:00 Nature Exploration Academy	<b>24</b> 9:00 am – 12:00 pm Preschool 10:00 am PUSH 9:00–3:00 Nature Exploration Academy	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <b>Thanksgiving Day</b> 	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 9:00 am Adult Bible Study 10:00 am Worship	<b>30</b> 9:00–3:00 Nature Exploration Academy					

# November Celebrations



**November 14** Karen Lange  
**November 16** John Lyons  
**November 17** Ed Baidis  
**November 20** Joan Tinich  
**November 23** Hank Kalis, Jr.  
**November 30** Jeff Regan



**November 1** Dennis Tarandy  
**November 1** Clarissa Tarandy  
**November 6** Barb Erjavec  
**November 9** Jill Goebel  
**November 10** Dayna Hann  
**November 14** Cal Sefcik  
**November 17** Josh Folgers  
**November 17** Jessica Lyons  
**November 17** Emily Olund  
**November 26** Lily Rozwalka

## Anniversary



**November 5** Jim & Sandy Boehm  
**November 12** Mike & Nikki Miklos  
**November 26** Barb & Jerry Erjavec

## "Stewardship, Contacts & More"

### Stewardship Snapshot

October 4, 2020  
 30 W, 28 C  
 7 Watched Online  
2 Received DVD's  
 39 Total

#### Financial Support

2,990.00 General Fund

Living Word's budget calls for weekly offerings averaging \$3654 to fund our ministry. Regular, intentional and meaningful contributions from what the Lord provides you helps carry this out.

### Stewardship Snapshot

October 11, 2020  
 27 W  
 9 Watched Online  
2 Received DVD's  
 38 Total

#### Financial Support

2,915.00 General Fund  
 615.00 Rent from Nature Academy  
2,345.25 Preschool Mission  
 \$5,875.25 Total Deposit

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### Stewardship Snapshot

October 18, 2020  
 27 W, 27 C  
 16 Watched Online  
2 Received DVD's  
 45 Total

#### Financial Support

1,855.00 General Fund  
65.00 Preschool Mission  
 \$1,920.00 Total Deposit

Living Word's budget calls for weekly offerings averaging \$3654 to fund our ministry. Regular, intentional and meaningful contributions from what the Lord provides you helps carry this out.

### Stewardship Snapshot

October 25, 2020  
 24 W  
 15 Watched Online  
2 Received DVD's  
 41 Total

#### Financial Support

1,250.00 General Fund  
35.00 Preschool Mission  
 \$1,285.00 Total Deposit

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#### Leadership Team

**Rick Boehm** - President  
**Bobbi Pote** - Treasurer  
**Diana Motel** - Secretary

#### Members at Large

Jim McKinney  
 Pastor John Bucka  
 Donna Wasilkoff

## "11-1-2020 Message Outline"

### "God's Voting Guide"

Every week we present principles from God's Word that guide us in our faith and life. Today we test principles that guide our vote...

#### 1. Does my vote acknowledge God's AUTHORITY?

*"One Nation Under God" & "In God We Trust"*

*For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.*

Romans 1:20

#### 2. Does my vote support God's STANDARDS?

*"The Rule of Law"*

*It is not those who hear the law who are righteous in God's sight, but it is those who obey the law who will be declared righteous.*

Romans 2:13

*"Checks & Balances"*

*For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.*

Romans 3:23

*"E Pluribus Unum" ("Out of Many One")*

*There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.*

Galatians 3:28

#### 3. Does my vote promote God's PROTECTIONS?

*"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."*

*I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—<sup>2</sup> for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. <sup>4</sup> who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup> For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who gave himself as a ransom for all people.*

1 Timothy 2:1-6a

## "Letter from Northern Illinois District"

Dear Friends in Christ,

Governor Pritzker has issued a new executive order (Executive Order 61) regarding COVID-19. These new orders were issued as a result of some counties reporting three consecutive days of a test positivity rate of 8% or higher. Effective October 23, 2020, public health restrictions and mitigation measures are being implemented.

How will this affect our churches in those areas? Our district staff has reviewed Gov. Pritzker's order and cross checked this order with the current guidelines on worship from the Illinois Dept. of Public Health. The order does not specifically address houses of worship. It is our understanding that churches in affected counties may continue to conduct services in conformity with the guidelines issued by the IDPH which has established the indoor worship service best practice to be 25% of the sanctuary's seating capacity or 100 people, whichever number is fewer, per service.

As always, we would encourage all congregational leaders to be in communication with their local health department on updates regarding best practices during this pandemic season and regularly check with the IDPH and CDC for guideline updates. May our Lord continue to gather us around His Word and Sacrament for our salvation while shielding us all with His almighty arm. We continue to commend our workers, congregations, schools and ministries to our Lord's care, protection and leading. We are grateful for your Christ-led dedication and commitment. Keep up the good and holy work.

Thank you for your faithful service to our Lord and His people.

Rev. Dr. Allan R. Buss

President, LCMS Northern Illinois District



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The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

## Classes & Groups

**ADULT SUNDAY FORUM** has resumed meeting again each Sunday with a new start time of **9:00 a.m.** Join us each week in our new location in the **south classroom**, even though it might be a smaller group than usual, we still want to maintain safe social distancing.

**PUSH PRAYER** meets **every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.** to pray for our church, community and world. We welcome requests (call 708.403.9673) or join us for 30-40 minutes each week.



## RADIO & TV OPPORTUNITIES

- **Worship Anew** 8:00 a.m. Sunday - Comcast channel 184 (TLN) & 8 (SD), WPWR channel 50 AT&T U-verse channel 1008 (HD) & 8 (SD), Dish Network # 8495 10:30 a.m. Sunday - DIRECTV channel 377 (TCT)
- **The Lutheran Hour** 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays on 1230 AM; and 9:30a.m. Sundays on 1580 AM

## For Your Information ...

**COFFEE TIME** In an effort to return to some type of regular fellowship after service, we will start having coffee available as of today for anyone who is interested in having a cup of joe and conversation with one another, while still practicing safe social distancing.

**DEVOTIONAL PRAYER FOR THE WEEK** *On one occasion, while [Jesus] was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." – Acts 1:4-5 (NIV)*

The purpose of waiting on God may be to learn greater patience, or it may be to allow time for us to get ready for God's next step in our lives. What needs to happen to you—in your life, in your mind, in your soul—to become ready to be acted upon by the Spirit? Pray and listen to God today, and act on what God reveals to you.

## GROWTH & OPPORTUNITIES...

**HELP US GROW OUR CHURCH** In these unprecedented times it is important to get back to the basics. Remember how lively and full our church was back in the '90's, or just a few years ago even, we are trying to get back to that status. Please don't forget about us at this time. We miss seeing you here at church and we would like to be able to have more regular attendance at service every Sunday. We have been worshipping together since May 31st and haven't had any issues with COVID or any other illnesses. The church gets cleaned weekly, and now since both preschool and the Nature Exploration Academy has started up again, it gets cleaned two to three times a week, plus we have been going thru a lot more disinfectant spray and wipes. Your safety and health are still the utmost important aspect, but at the same time, the future of our church is starting to depend on your help. Your offerings, and helpful talents have been so appreciated in the past, and we look forward to receiving those benefits again. The transition team has been back in full swing working on the call process, please be on the lookout for more information to come in the coming weeks and months.

**POW (People of the Word) Bible Study** In an effort to get back to some normality and to God's word, we will be offering a weekday bible study again! It began on Oct 2 at 9:30am. Friday was chosen due to the fact that no school children will be in the building and we can observe social distancing better. Please consider joining us to reconnect with others in this fellowship and most importantly in God's word, which is so needed in this time of our history. We will start with a study on the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm. We may feel like we are walking in darkness, but we are not alone. Psalm 23 pictures life as deeply secure and richly blessed—life lived with awareness of God's intimate love for us. It speaks to our deepest longings and fears, which may be why we return to this psalm so often. Yet frequent exposure to it may result in over familiarity. This nine session LifeGuide® Bible Study will help us discover its wisdom by pulling in other texts that show the same attributes of God—who guides us, protects us, feeds us and much more. Please let me know if you are interested and I will make sure you receive a book. Or if you have any questions, contact Donna at 708-949-9340.

**PRAYER REQUESTS??** There is a brand new feature on our website. Diana Motel has added a link where you can add a prayer request during the week. The website will automatically forward that request to me so your prayer request will be added to our list for Sunday morning prayers. If any request comes in by Tuesday morning, I always have our prayer group include those requests in their prayers as well.



## "October Mission of the Month"

**LIVING WORD PRESCHOOL WAS OUR MISSION OF THE MONTH** in October. We now have 5 students enrolled for all 3 days of preschool. Through your very generous donations and offerings we collected **\$2,445.25**. Great Job Everyone!!!

## "November Mission of the Month"

**HOLIDAY FOOD AND TOILETRIES DRIVE** going on for all of November. We will be helping out the residents in our community through Together We Cope. Look for the bins on the table in the fellowship hall to drop off any of the following items. If you prefer to make monetary donations, we can always put that towards gift cards from local stores.

### Items Most Needed for the Food Drive are:



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|---|---------------------|--------------|
| * Boxed Cereal (18 oz. or less)             | Canned Vegetables   | Rice         |
| * Canned Beans                              | Jelly or Jam        | Tomato Sauce |
| * Canned Fruits                             | Macaroni and cheese | Tuna         |
| * Canned Meats (Chili, chicken, stew, etc.) | Oatmeal             |              |
| * Canned soup                               | Pasta               |              |
| * Canned spaghetti sauce                    | Peanut Butter       |              |

## Items we need the most are:

Adult shampoo	Dental floss	Male & female deodorant
Baby & adult toothpaste	Diapers (especially sizes 4-6)	Mouthwash
Baby shampoo *	Feminine hygiene products	Q-tips, travel size
Baby wipes	Hand lotion	Razors
Bar soap	Incontinence products	Shaving cream
Body lotion *	Laundry detergent - small (liquid or powder)	Toothbrushes
Body wash *		
Conditioner *		
Condoms		* not travel size

To donate online click the 'Donate Now' button at [togetherwecope.org](http://togetherwecope.org)

# Together We Cope

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