

# All Saints Sunday



**CLC Weekly Update - In-Person Worship  
November 5th at 9:30AM**

## **WORSHIP WITH US**

### **All Saints Sunday**

**First Reading: Revelation 7:9-17**

**Psalm 34:1-10, 22**

**Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3**

**Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12**

**Pastor Erin Evans preaching**

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In the neighborhood...  
For good.

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**MILLVALE**  
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God will  
wipe away  
every tear  
from their eyes  
REVELATION 7:17

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. ~

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**All Saints Day**  
**2023**

**Remembering...**

**Susan A. Sabilla**

**Annamae C.  
Gosnell**

**AnnaMarie  
Ruzomberka**

**Helen Vannosdel**



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# CONGREGATIONAL MEETING



## SAVE THE DATE

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY DECEMBER 3rd**  
to approve the budget for 2024 and elect new council members.

## STEWARDSHIP SPEAKERS

At the beginning of each worship service in November, a member of our council will be sharing congregational financial information, stewardship insights, and their own thoughts on giving to the church.

We hope to spark conversation and commitment for stewardship at CLC - thank you to our council members for being willing to share!

*Our current 2023 Council Members are Erica Strafalace, Kurt Schreiber, Lennie Jansen, Becky Nyren, Diane Curry, Tim Komoroski, Jean Thens, Bud Worst, Ray Lardin and Joe Imhoff.*

## COUNCIL MEMBERS WANTED!

We will be asking for volunteers to be nominated for council! Our council is a two year term with monthly meetings. Please consider this possibility in serving and leading your church!

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# ONE STOP SANTA SHOP

## Craft Fair & Vendor Show

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 9, 2023  
10:00AM - 2:00PM**

**CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH  
917 EVERGREEN AVENUE  
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## Middle East Crisis

Due to escalating conflict in Gaza and Israel, a severe humanitarian crisis is rapidly unfolding in the Holy Land. The ELCA has a longstanding relationship with partners in the region, including the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land and Augusta Victoria Hospital.

**Lutheran Disaster Response** has a history of providing support for our partners and will be prepared to answer calls for assistance when the time comes.

Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton has issued a letter of solidarity to Bishop Dr. Sani-Ibrahim Azar of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land. In it, she writes,

“I pledge our accompaniment and support to you as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land and its ministries provide ‘critical and timely assistance (psychological and otherwise) to those affected by this war.’”

**Gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response equip us to respond to this and other disasters, whenever and wherever they strike. Gifts designated for “Middle East Crisis” will be restricted to and used in full (100%) for those affected by disasters in the region.**

To give online go to:

<https://community.elca.org/middle-east-crisis>

OR give through CLC and write a check out to:

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**Memo Line: LDR Middle East Crisis**

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Donations are  
requested for

◆ **PEANUT  
BUTTER**  
and  
◆ **JELLY**

## The Food Pantry is Open

Mondays and Fridays from  
9:30am to 11:30am,  
and on Wednesdays from  
5pm to 7pm.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### In case of emergency....



**Did you know** we have an emergency defibrillator? It's on the wall, near the office and food pantry check-in table.

**Did you know** we have Narcan available? With the first aid kits in the narthex and in the office too!

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# ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

## Beloved Saints

“He must be a real saint!” “She was such a saint!” We say these things about people we know, or have heard of, often in reference to someone who displays great patience or perhaps is extraordinarily kind and generous. It’s not difficult to find such praise at a funeral, for example, as the deceased’s positive influence in the world is remembered. In popular usage, a person earns the title “saint” by doing good works.

We think of people such as Saint Francis or Saint Teresa, individuals who were known for being particularly holy or religious. We rarely consider that we ourselves might be saints. After all, most of us haven’t opened orphanages or founded hospitals, given away all our possessions or been imprisoned because of our faith. Even demonstrating exceptional patience toward irritating people or circumstances is beyond most of us on far too many days.

But the scripture readings today make clear that being a saint is not about earning the title. **According to the Bible, the “saints” are simply the believers in Christ across time and space.** In baptism, our robes have been washed in the blood of the Lamb (Revelation 7:14). **Saint is a title given to us by God—not as a reward for a job well done, but as an expression of God’s love for us.**

The characteristic of a saint is not superhuman perfection but rather faith. Faith that the sorrows we mourn, the injustices we encounter, and the persecution we face will one day be put right through the blood of the Lamb. **Faith that recognizes and laments the awful brokenness of the world, and of ourselves, and trusts Christ to forgive our sins, wipe away our tears, and make all things new. So, cling to Christ, dear saint, and rejoice that you are God’s beloved child—now** (1 John 3:2). ~

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## This Week at CLC:



### Sunday

November 5 -

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8:30am Sunday School

CLC Sunday Worship Service at 9:30am

The Gathering Place is booked

### Monday

November 6 - 9:30 to 11:30am FOOD PANTRY

3:30-7:30pm Violin

5-6pm TOPS CLUB, 6-7pm Tai Chi

6:30-8pm ESL Tutoring, 7-9PM Pain Clinic

### Tuesday

November 7 - 6am-9pm Voting

9am to 3pm 412 Food Rescue

5:30-8:30pm Violin, 6pm ESL Tutoring Library

### Wednesday

November 8 - Voting machines picked up

4-8pm Anchorpoint Community Counseling

5-7pm FOOD PANTRY

7-8pm Choir Practice

6:30-8pm ESL Tutoring

### Thursday

November 9 - 6:30-7:30pm Boy Scouts Pack 162

6pm ESL Tutoring Library

### Friday

November 10 - 9:30 to 11:30am FOOD PANTRY

7pm NA meets in the Library

### Saturday

November 11 - 9am AA meets in the Library

7pm NA meets in the Library

The Gathering Place is booked

### Sunday

November 12 - 8:30am Sunday School

CLC Sunday Worship Service at 9:30am

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## Upcoming Commemorations



**John Christian Frederick Heyer, died 1873;  
Bartholomaeus Ziegenbalg, died 1719;  
Ludwig Nommensen, died 1918;  
missionaries**

**Tuesday, November 7, 2023**

Heyer was the first missionary sent out by American Lutherans. After teaching at Gettysburg College and Seminary he was assigned to the Andhra region of India. A worker among the Tamil people on the southeast coast of India, Ziegenbalg was opposed both by local Hindus and by Danish authorities who favored a different missionary style. He was known for caring about the welfare of the whole person. Nommensen was born in northern Germany and was sent to Sumatra as a Lutheran missionary. Working among the Batak people, he translated the scriptures into their language, and honored their native culture.



**Martin, Bishop of Tours, died 397  
Saturday, November 11, 2023**

Martin's pagan father enlisted him in the Roman army. Approached by a beggar, Martin cut his cloak in half and gave part to the man, whom he later understood as representing Christ. He asked to leave the army, but was jailed instead. After his release, he became a preacher, and later a bishop.



**Søren Aabye Kierkegaard,  
teacher, died 1855**

**Saturday, November 11, 2023**

Kierkegaard was a Danish theologian whose writings also gave rise to the modern philosophy of existentialism. He frequently attacked the complacency of the state church of his day, as well as its desire to be accepted by polite society rather than be a stumbling block.

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## **CAUTION - SCAM!**

Several members and friends of the church have notified the office that they have received strange texts from a number claiming to be Pastor Erin. These texts do NOT come from Pastor Erin's actual cell # OR the church #. These texts ask for money and favors and are a bit vague. Please do not engage and be assured that Pastor Erin will not randomly text you asking for money, gift cards, or discrete favors. Call the Church Office if you receive anything suspicious.

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**The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. ✝**



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