

November 2024



St. John Journey

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Message from our pastor:

Dear St. John Lutheran Church,

It's hard to believe but here it is November! As I enter into my 9th month as your pastor, I can't help but to be full of gratitude for you all and the ministry we are doing together. These next few weeks leading up to our Thanksgiving holiday is a great opportunity to lift up to God all we are thankful for! Not that we don't do that on a regular basis, but this

time of year we are reminded around every corner that it is a "grateful time of year". As I sit and reflect on all that I am grateful for I am especially glad that God placed me here with you all to praise God together and do God's work in our community side by side!

Although it is a high stress time in our world with the upcoming presidential election, wars raging in other parts of the world, economic stress, and the always looming reality that is COVID, I hope that through all of that you are finding joy and seeing that God remains loyal to us through the good and the bad. Our scripture on All Saints Day reads that God will take away our suffering and wipe away all our tears, and this is a great reminder for us all that God stays with us through every struggle and every joy.

As we get together with friends and family in the coming month, I hope we all take a moment to take stock of what we are grateful for and give praise to God!

Blessings,

Pr. Elise

Upcoming November Events

Be sure to look at our online calendar for the most up to date information on things happening this month at the church. (stjohnabingdon.org)

Sunday, Nov.10th- Consecration Sunday: If you haven't already turned in your pledge, please bring it so our financial team can work on next year's budget.

Wed., Nov.13th Preschool Fundraising Dinner: We will have a silent auction and dinner beginning at 5:00pm. Tickets for the dinner will be on sale after church on Nov.3 and 10th. \$10.00 per adult, \$5.00 per child. See the table in the fellowship hall with some of the silent auction items that will be available that evening!

Sunday, Nov.17th-Harvest Sunday: Please plan to bring canned goods and other staple items to be donated to Faith in Action for the holiday season. Monetary donations will be gratefully accepted as well!

News from our Tech team:

You may have noticed some of our office emails are coming from a new address. (info@stjohnabingdon.org). This will align with our website (stjohnabingdon.org). Pastor Elise can be emailed at pastorelise@stjohnabingdon.org. The outlook address will still be used as well.

Preschool News:

Your grocery purchases at Kroger and Food City can earn money for our preschool! You must go online into store shopper's account to link them to your shopper's card. If you have questions or need help, see Jill in the office.

Choir News:

Choir will meet every Sunday morning, at 8:45am. There will also be a monthly evening rehearsal. The next one will be Wednesday, 11/20 at 6:30pm.

Quilting Update from Edie:

We gave 5 quilts to those that lost everything in Damascus to Hurricane Helene. With the holidays coming up, I wanted to remind

everyone that we will not be meeting November 26 due to Thanksgiving and December 24 and 31 for Christmas.

I need a volunteer to arrange a Dutch treat luncheon reservation for the group in December. I'm looking forward to seeing you for quilting from 9:30 to 12:00 on Tuesdays for fellowship and knot tying.

Edie can be reached at home (276) 628-5533, text (276) 447-9692, or email to ehilte67@gmail.com. PS - I don't check my email every day.

Tapestry Team:

The next Zoom meeting will be Thursday, November 21 at 7:00pm. A Zoom link will be sent out before the date.

Book Group:

The new book will be announced at the service on Sunday, November 3rd!



November birthdays

11/02-Madison Wellenhoffer
11/07-Helen Findley
11/07-Kim Lovett
11/08-Michelle Morris
11/15-Henry Davis

Please email Jill in the office know if we missed your birthday so it can be added to our database.

NexTrex Plastic Recycling Update

Although we did not make our 1000 pound goal, we will continue to collect plastic and do what we can!
Thanks to all that have brought it in!

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Volunteers for November

If you are unable to serve, please let Jill know as soon as possible.

	Nov 3	Nov 10	Nov 17	Nov 24
Livestream	Adam Brock	Adam Brock	Adam Brock	Adam Brock
Assisting Minister	Linda Garnett	Ed Davis	Joan Shaver	Ken Croghan
Acolyte	Chris Dixon	Spencer Wellenhoffer	Madison Wellenhoffer	Chris Dixon
Lector	Charlie Garnett	Dianne Suhrbier	John Gifford	Doris Vaught
Ushers	The Lovetts	The Wellenhoffers	The Giffords	Sue Croghan Don Williams
Counters	Roger Nipper Helen French	Chris Meacham Jim Suhrbier	The Krolls	Doris Vaught Bill Spencer