



The St. Tim Tidings!

November 2011 • News for members & friends of St. Timothy Lutheran Church, Hendersonville, TN 37075

From the Pastor...

Reformation and All Saints - what a powerful and power-filled combination. For my money, it doesn't get any better than this. Both of these festivals share common elements. Looking back and straining forward. These festivals combine a dual perspective with the old and the new being held together in delicious tension.

Ecclesia Semper Reformanda Est... "The Church is Always Reforming." The Reformation was not finished with the posting of the 95 Theses on the Castle Church door in Wittenberg. The Reformation lumbered and lurched... sometimes raced and sprinted ahead flipping calendar pages 1517 - 1520 - 1540. Luther dies and the Reformation continues. The centuries march on - and the Reformation continues. We arrive at 2011 and guess what? That's right - the Reformation continues.

New people - new ideas - new forms, formats and styles. People come into this community of faith and people leave. The Church on the macro scale and congregation on the micro scale always changes. We encounter the same delicious tension of old and new. It is the height of hubris to assume that the Reformation stops where we are comfortable. The Reformation, driven by the Spirit, continues where the Spirit directs. We are not driving the bus - we are along for the ride. Carried forward - sometimes singing - sometimes crying - into a future where we encounter the presence of a God waiting on us to arrive!

We see this with All Saints in spectacular fashion. We look back, remembering those who have gone before us into the Church Triumphant and are at rest. We look forward to a promised reunion in the presence of Almighty God when all creation is brought together without spot or blemish. The power and promise of the Resurrection come to full flower.

All Saints is our faith on public display. We entrust those we love, as well as ourselves, to the care and keeping of God. We rely on the promises of a faithful and loving God who claims us in Baptism, to continue the covenant God made with each of us in that sacrament. We don't simply look backward remembering "the good ol' days" - we strain ahead to the day when all are seated at the promised banquet. *Past, Present and Future* join together in this Festival because the Gospel of Christ governs all three aspects of life!

Ecclesia Semper Reformanda Est - the Church IS always reforming... as is life itself. We do not and we cannot stand still nor move backward. We continue our journey in confidence... confidence in the power and promise of the Gospel... confidence in the loving care of a gracious God.... confidence that God keeps God's promises.

One of my favorite prayers comes from our Vespers service (ELW p. 317) and I commend it to you for this day and each day: "*O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*"

God's Peace-

Pr. Groce

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St. Timothy Activities

Weekly schedule

Worship: Sat. 5:30 P.M.

Sun. 9:30 A.M.

Sunday School: See Page 9 for current
schedule

Office hours: 10:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m. M–F

Sunday School classes

Sun. 9:15–10:15 A.M.

Nursery: Up to age 3

K4-K5—Room 10

1st -2nd grade—Room 7

3rd-4th grade—Room 4

5th grade—Room 2

Youth (6th–12th grade)

6th-7th-Lutherland

8th—Confirmation Room

(Former Bean Bag Room)

9th—High school—Room 3

Adult class—Room 1

Other groups

Men's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study (2 groups W & F)

Sunshine Girls Bible Study

Intercessory Prayer Circle



St. Timothy
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The Vicar's View

by Vicar Monica Weber

"Be Still and Know That I Am God"

Autumn is a time to make preparations for winter and the season of Advent. November brings increased opportunities for fellowship, when we will gather with loved ones and friends to give thanks, share memories and count our blessings. As our social calendars fill with end-of-the-year efforts to spend time with people who are important to us, we can become overwhelmed and distracted, especially in our chaotic society. I hope you will consider spending a few moments in the solace of St Timothy's Centering Prayer Group this November. Centering Prayer is an ancient contemplative practice that blends scripture, silent prayer and inspirational readings to envelope the participant in the peace of God that passes all understanding. Centering Prayer can change your life by reconnecting you to God on a personal level, and it can certainly restore balance to your hectic existence. Come prepare your hearts and minds for Advent with the Centering Prayer Group. We meet each Sunday from 7:00-7:30pm in the Sanctuary. I'd be happy to answer your questions about contemplative prayer, and I invite you to visit the St Timothy website link to the Centering Prayer Group to read samples of the prayers, scripture and poems that we incorporate each week. I give thanks for my St Timothy community and your support of my seminary studies, as well as the opportunity to share God's peace with you through contemplative prayer. Peace!

From the Program Director

November brings us back to shorter days and longer nights (return to central standard time on November 6). It always seems that we tend to try to squish everything into the daylight hours. Darkness or light, work need to be done! Here we go....

November 6 - All Saints' Sunday. Bring your stems of fresh flowers to church and place them in the vases in memory of your "saints". Vases will be in each window area in the sanctuary. Encourage the children and youth to participate in this as well.

November 6 -13 Sunday Church School canned goods collection for the Samaritan Center, bins will be in the narthex.

November 6 and 20 - The Sunday School will again be reading their prayers during the 10:30 service. Listen carefully to these beautiful concerns and thoughts from our youth.

November 27 - First Sunday of Advent. We will have an intergenerational Advent wreath making activity in the Fellowship Hall during the regular Sunday Church School hour. All are invited to participate. When we are finished, we will ask Pastor to bless our wreaths and prepare to take them home to enhance our Advent devotions.

Looking forward...Save the dates!

December 4 - Letters to troops (Intergenerational)

December 18 Children's Advent Activity @ 4:00 P.M.

January - New Ministry begins - Dig out those knitting needles, crochet hooks, and dust off that sewing machine. You will want to be a part of this!

January 8 - Youth Sunday

January 15 - Bring a friend to Sunday School.

*Lord of life, help us follow Jesus, that others may follow us.
Amen.*

Ginny Gauerke
programdirector@sttimothyonline.org

Housekeeping Items

When Are We Meeting?

Sound familiar? Here at St Timothy it takes many hands to do God's work, and without the committees and groups who take on the tasks of worship, fellowship and church business, not much would be accomplished. We are updating our list of standing church committee and group meetings: please email Vicar Monica

(vicarmonica@sttimothyonline.org) with the date/time/location of your St Timothy committee or group standing meetings (1st Wed of the month, etc), and **PLEASE** notify the church office when the date/time of these meetings change by emailing Jynni Bowyer at info@sttimothyonline.org. Thanks!

Attention All St. Timothy Committees & Groups:

Our Webmaster, Carol Webster, does an excellent job keeping the St Timothy website up to date...but she can't update anything without your input! It is your responsibility to promote your committee's activities and meeting schedule, so **PLEASE** send news, photos (JPEG) and upcoming calendar events to Carol on a regular basis. All ongoing and special commission meetings should be listed on the weekly calendar, so please do your part to communicate this info. Our website traffic is rapidly increasing as prospective new members find St Timothy's web page, thanks to Carol's efforts, so please help us put our best foot forward! You can email items to Carol at cbwebster@comcast.net. Thank You!



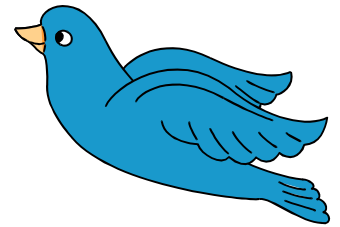
Flowers
in Memory of ...

For all the saints.....

Sunday, November 6, is All Saints Sunday. Everyone is invited to bring flowers to church in memory of loved ones. Flowers may be from your garden or you may purchase individual stems. Vases will be provided in each window area where we will create a living memorial to all our saints during a special time at the beginning of the service. If you go to Flower Express at 357 E. Main Street, be sure to mention that the stems are for St. Timothy. They will give you a discount!

The BlueBirds and the Sunshine Girls Join Together for a November Outing!

The BlueBirds (Seniors) Group will join with the Sunshine Girls (Women's Study Group) for a visit to Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Nashville on Tuesday, November 15. We'll meet in the rear church parking lot at 9:30 and carpool to the church where we will have a guided tour. Those who wish will have lunch afterward at a restaurant (to be determined) in the area. Please RSVP to Faye DeFratus at 851-8503 or Karen Kral at 822-0240 by Sunday, November 13.



ALL SAINTS'



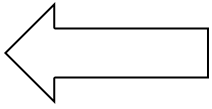
REMEMBRANCE

All Saints Candlelight Remembrance Service

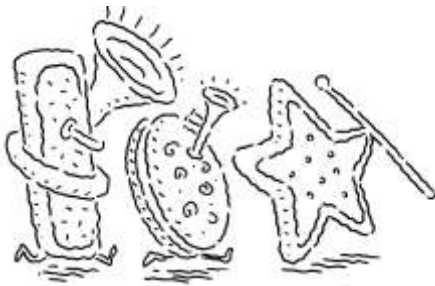
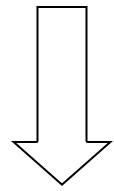
Please join us on All Saints Sunday, November 6 at 7:00pm for a candlelight remembrance service in memory of beloved family and friends who have departed this life. We will gather in the Narthex at 6:45pm, distribute candles and walk to the labyrinth for a brief service (weather permitting; those who do not wish to walk down the hill may meet us at the labyrinth at 7:00pm). This service will feature traditional early Christian remembrance prayers and music and will last approximately 30 minutes. For more info, contact Vicar Monica Weber.

Reminder- The ALF party will be Saturday December 10 at 7 pm at the Wynbrook Club house. Bring your own snack to share and whatever adult beverage you would like. Ice and soft drinks will be provided. There will be a Dirty Santa Ornament Exchange and musical entertainment by Fred Bacon. The Club house is located on Wynbrook Trace. This is the main entrance into the subdivision off of Saundersville Road. Take Wynbrook Trace until it begins to curve to the right. The Club house is right there.





MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE EVENTS!



WELCA COOKIE WALK- The annual **COOKIE WALK** will be held on December 11th. Further information will be posted in the Mini Tidings in November.

Cookie Walk

MARK YOUR CALENDARS-WELCA will hold their annual **Christmas Party on Monday, December 5th at the Holiday Inn Express in Hendersonville. Tickets will be sold before and after all church services , beginning** on Saturday, Nov.12th and will end on Nov. 27th. All the women of St. Timothy's are invited to this fun event. So please make plans to attend. Guests are also welcome.

Adventsgottesdienst (German Advent Service)

Am zweiten Adventssonntag, dem 4. Dezember 2011, findet ein Adventsgottesdienst statt. Beginn ist um 16.00 Uhr in der St. Timothy Lutheranische Kirche. Viele Musikanten (inklusive Orgel, Flöte, Gitarre, Geige, Ziehharmonika, Glockenchor, Kinderchor) stimmen mit weihnachtlichen Klängen auf den Gottesdienst ein. Danach sind sie herzlich eingeladen für Kaffee und Weihnachtsgebäck.

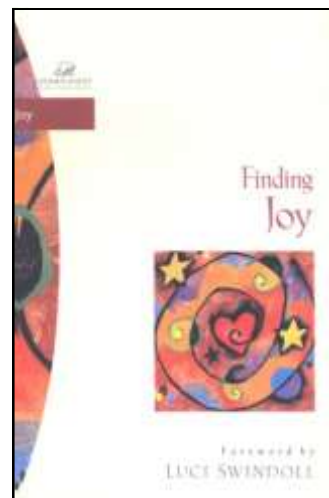
Willkommen in dieser feierlichen Adventsstunde!

There will be an Advent service on the second Sunday in Advent, December 4, 2011. The service will start at 4:00 pm at St. Timothy Lutheran Church. Many musicians (including organ, flute, guitar, violin, accordion, bell choir and children's choir) will be offering the sounds of Christmas throughout the service. Afterwards you are invited to join us for light refreshments (German Christmas baked goods and coffee) in the fellowship hall.

Welcome to this time of Advent celebration!

Women's Bible Study

A six week study, Finding Joy: Women of Faith Series by Traci Mullins, will start the last week in November (during Advent Season) Wednesday evenings from 6:00-7:00). Please contact Sandi Schissler at sandra-schissler@comcast.net or 615-822-7289 for more information.



A Special THANK YOU

A Special Thanks to All!

Thanks to God for a beautiful day and a wonderful community in faith that gathered to celebrate Oktoberfest.

Thanks to everyone who played a part by coordinating an event, contributing their time, talent, and treasure, helped cook or clean, set up or break down, played music or sang along. Thanks to everyone who attended and blessings on those who were absent. Once again, Thanks to All!

God's Peace and Blessings,

St. Timothy Evangelism Committee



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®



In October, Bill Rogers of Thrivent Financial presented a generous check to our troop. I have attached a photo of the presentation. Once again on behalf of Troop 157 and the Boy Scouts of America I would like to thank Bill Rogers and Thrivent Financial for their support of scouting.

Michael D. Ponce



St. Timothy TOTS Annual Report for 2011

Our twelfth year of the TOTS program has been filled with significant changes and accomplishments. We are proud of receiving a **three** star rating for the past five years. The TOTS program currently has 62 children enrolled in the program and we are near full enrollment.

This year we did a Grandparent's breakfast for our Grandparent's here at TOTS. It was a huge success and we hope to do this every year.

This year our Music/Gym teacher will also be teaching Spanish to the Pre-K and the Three year classes.

Our local fire department came to visit with us and teach us fire safely and to help keep us cool in summer heat with cool water. We at TOTS made a big dinner for the firemen to enjoy.

Our Christmas and End of The Year programs continue to be a huge success.

The church was packed with parents, grandparents and friends enjoying their children. We invite you all to attend next years programs.

This year the TOTS program focused on the importance of service by collecting loose change totaling \$150.00 and providing Thanksgiving dinner for two families. We also collected loose change again totaling \$200.00 to help two families at Christmas. The three and four year olds go to The Terrace once a month and visit with the residents and sing songs to them.

We continue to receive both kind donations and monetary donations from members of the congregation and TOTS families. We would like to thank everyone for all their kind donations throughout the year. We also would like to thank the church for the space in the storage room. We really needed it. I would like to thank the church for my new office. I love it.

We were able to provide a scholarship to one child this year. We hope to continue this every year.

At this point, tuition is our primary revenue which covers our overhead and staffing costs. This year we raised money from a fundraiser for the picnic table for our playground.

We will be assessed in February for our star rating. In September we will do a Winter Wonderland fundraiser and in February we will do our helpful hearts.

The TOTS program has grown much in the past years through many challenging and positive changes. We feel that God is behind this ministry and continually helps this program grow so that we may reach out to families in our community and provide quality care for precious children. The board and staff continually work hard to provide the best program possible.

In Service to Christ.
Michele Money
TOTS Director
TOTS Program

Reel Faith: Bringing Christianity to Cinema



**November 20,
2011 at 4 pm**

FREE!

**Nursery provided.
Reception following
the presentation.**

How does one combine their passion for filmmaking with their faith, beliefs, and values?

In the world of social media, surrounded by the YouTube generation, two brothers and enterprising entrepreneurs who call themselves "faith-based visual enthusiasts" formed their video production company. In this E&A event, Matthew and Scott Pessoni will explore today's films and media from a Christian story-telling perspective. If you have ever attended a movie, watched television, or seen a professionally-produced web video, you will NOT want to miss this presentation.

The Pessoni brothers are the recipients of two Emmy Awards, six Telly Awards, five Videography Awards, three Communicator Awards, and three Empixx Awards. They have been featured in the *Nashville Business Journal*, and count as some of their clients Johnson & Johnson, Bridgestone, Pillsbury, NASA, Animal Planet, TLC, ADT, and Cokesbury.



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A Note from Lisa....

Psallam Spiritu et Mente

“Sing with the Spirit and with the understanding also.” 1 Cor. 14:15

Autumn Festivals have already begun, and so we begin the count down to the end of our liturgical year. These last weeks leading into Advent have some of the most powerful scriptural themes of the whole year aside from Lent and Easter; of reform, of saints, of end times, and of Christ the King. And, yes, it can all be found set to music!

Michaelmas Day is the feast of St. Michael the Archangel, celebrated on September 29th. St. Michael was the Angel who hurled Lucifer (the devil) down from heaven for his treachery. This brings to mind the words from ‘A Mighty Fortress’ for Reformation:

The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure,
One little word shall fell him. *Luther*

William How’s ‘For all the Saints’ words take us to the next Sunday. Like Luther, he recalls God as a refuge (Psalm 46) and, being in the midst of a great cloud of witnesses (Hebrews 12), not to be removed;

Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress and their Might;
Samson died in the Lord by pulling down the building on himself and the Philistines at a Dagon worship service (don’t try this at home). But, seriously, Samson’s dead body is brought out and the children of Israel play and sing a funeral march. At the end, the Lord is praised in this glorious text (music by Handel, of course) that has all the stuff of our imagined heaven:

Israelite Woman
Let the bright seraphim in burning row,
Their loud, uplifted angel trumpets blow.
Let the cherubic host, in tuneful choirs,
Touch their immortal harps with golden wires. Let their celestial concerts all unite,
Ever to sound his praise in endless blaze of light. *Hamilton*

And, Christ the King Sunday with ~

Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King.

Lift up your hearts ~ we lift them up unto the Lord.
Let us give thanks unto our Lord God ~ it is meet and right so to do.

Come ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home.
Even so, Lord, quickly come, bring thy final harvest home. *Alford*

Lisa ♪

NEWS FROM F.L.Y.

(Fellowship of Lutheran Youth - grades 6, 7 and 8)

NOVEMBER 13th: Service Project (Raking Leaves) 3pm-6pm

COME JOIN US FOR ALL OF THE FUN! If you have any questions, or want to be added to our e-mail list please be sure to contact Mrs. Motz at jgmotz@bellsouth.net.

SR HIGH ACTIVITIES

Upcoming Activities;

Wednesday Night Bible Study (every Wednesday night in the Confirmation room)

Meals for Shut Ins's

Movie Night November 26th @ Alex Hansen's house

Please see any of the Sr. High teachers for more information, Jynni Bowyer, Paul Frank Amy or Justin Groce.

Wonderful Wednesdays/LL4L Schedule November

Wonderful Wednesday's (WW)

- Nov 2 Project
- Nov 9 Game night, bring your favorite board games
- Nov 16 Fall craft
- Nov 23 No WW Thanksgiving break
- Nov 30 Tree project for Bluegrass Terrace

Liturgy for Little Lutherans (L4LL)

After Children's sermon or at the beginning of the first reading, children 4 yrs old - 3rd grade please meet in the Narthex for L4LL.

Both programs follow the Sumner County School Schedule. If Sumner Co schools are out (breaks, holidays, weather) these programs will be also be out.

Needed:

Christmas ribbon. We need narrow **Christmas ribbon** for a project we are doing for Bluegrass Terrace. Please leave in box marked Wonderful Wednesdays by the mailboxes. Last day to donate **November 27, 2011.**

Thank you



Bringing HOPE to the children of Haiti
one bowl of rice and beans at a time.

News from Trinity/HOPE

Trinity/HOPE is blessed to have support in this congregation for its feeding programs for the hungry children in Christian Schools in Haiti. Each month we provide an article (as below) which can be published in church newsletters to aid in updating and keeping our supporters current on our programs.

Trinity/HOPE has been providing noon meals at our Christian schools since 1999. During that time the number of children fed has steadily grown, praise God, and now many of those who were recipients in the earlier years are now adults. Many are currently a university continuing their education, others successfully working at a career, many are still looking for work, some are now moms and dads.

As we contact these young men and women every one of them expresses thanks to Trinity/HOPE and you, its supporters, for providing the daily meal for them at school. They talk about how good the food was and how it made a difference in their lives.

On our last trip to Haiti we hired one of those we formerly served. He is now twenty-four years old, a part-time teacher and is taking some courses at the local Lutheran Seminary. He said that his dream growing up was to one day work for Trinity/HOPE and bless others as our service blessed him.

I know you, as I, are happy and proud that God used us to provide a meal that made these children more physically healthy, develop mentally and witness the love of Jesus. As we connect with these former recipients and continue to serve the children now in our schools we can rejoice in the knowledge that God is using our involvement to change lives forever.

John Hall, Trinity/HOPE. 2366 Cairo Bend Lebanon, TN



November Mission and Outreach Focus

Trinity
HOPE
Haitian Feeding Program



ANNUAL Thanksgiving Night in the Fight Against Hunger to benefit Trinity/HOPE

During the month of November, we will be gathering together as a community of faith in our annual **Thanksgiving Night in the Fight Against Hunger** dinner being held on **Wednesday, November 16**. For those of you who are new to St. Timothy, let me tell you about our ongoing ties with this "mission" and why it is so important. For those of you who think you already know about Trinity/HOPE, please indulge me and read on . . .

In 2005, St. Timothy committed to be the sponsoring congregation for Font Baptiste school in the St. Marc area of Haiti; prior to 2005, St. Timothy was active in supporting Trinity/HOPE feeding programs as a general/non-specific donor. Through Trinity/HOPE, St. Timothy provides hot nutritious meals to the children in the Christian school of Font Baptiste in Haiti. In Haiti, the poorest nation in the Western hemisphere, everyday life is a struggle. Trinity/HOPE is dedicated to bringing hope to the nation of Haiti through feeding programs in Christian schools. Their motto of "one bowl of rice and beans at a time" exemplifies their continuing commitment which began with serving 42 children in one school, and now serves over 16,500 children in 91 schools throughout Haiti. St. Timothy is an ongoing part of that effort as 208 children are fed each day at Font Baptiste school.

None of this is possible without your financial support. Please join us at our annual Thanksgiving dinner as we renew our commitment to feed the 208 children at Font Baptiste. You will have an opportunity to follow Jesus' command to "Feed My Sheep" even if it's just rice and beans.

Sign up on the sheet on the kiosk in the Narthex, so we can be sure to have enough food. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. We look forward to seeing you there!

St. Timothy Missions and Outreach Committee meets approximately once every quarter. If you would like to be part of this group, please contact Joline West at joline_west@yahoo.com, or 672-7201.

END TIME: WHAT DO WE DO WITH IT?

Hysteria, excitement, and ridicule greeted recent announcements that the world was to be ending.

DELAY IN THE LORD'S SECOND COMING

From the days of the early church, including the New Testament, Christians have been dealing with “**the delay**” in our Lord's final and triumphant coming “at the end of the age.”

THE DAY OF THE LORD

The biblical phrase, the day of the Lord, has positive and negative meanings. Prophet Amos proclaims:

Alas for you who desire the **day of the Lord!**

Why do you want the **day of the Lord?**

It is **darkness**, not light;

as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear;

or rested a hand against the wall and was bitten by a snake.

Is not the **day of the Lord darkness**, not light, and **gloom** with no brightness in it. *Amos 5:18-20*

Dies Irae (Day of Wrath), with its strong note of judgment, was a prominent devotional text in much of the Church throughout history, though it is seldom used today.

That **day of wrath, that dreadful day**, when heaven and earth shall pass away,
what power shall be the sinner's stay? How shall he meet that **dreadful day**?

Lord, on that **day, that wrathful day**, when man to judgment wakes from clay,
be thou the trembling sinner's stay, though heaven and earth shall pass away!

Walter Scott, 1771-1832 *SBH hymn 298* Augustana Hymn 613

Founded on *Dies Irae* by Thomas of Celano, 13th Century

DAY OF THE LORD: END OF WORLD and/or INDIVIDUAL LIFE

The day of the Lord can refer to the end of earthly life. In baptism rites, we often heard:

“. . . that, abiding in the covenant of *his/her* Baptism, and in communion with the Church,
he/he may be brought up to lead a godly life **until the day of Jesus Christ** *SBH page 243*

NOVEMBER: A MINI-SEASON OF END TIMES

All Saints” on November 1 through Christ the King Sunday emphasizes “end times.” November 2 abounds with celebrations, including the Hispanic Day of the Dead. Both the fear and curiosity of death become highlighted on All Hallows Eve with neighborhoods filled with skeletons and fake cemeteries.

END TIME: CATEGORY OF HYMNS 433 – 441 IN ELW

Instead of being in the ADVENT hymn section, the well-known “**Wake, awake, for night is fly-ing**” is in the END TIME category. Its thematic source, MATTHEW 25:1-13 is for LECTONARY 32 --- November 6-12.

ALL SAINTS' TAKES PRECEDENCE

All Saints” is a festive celebration with many possible components that include a wide range of themes reflecting the world-wide Church and very personal participation:

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed --- since last year's All Saints „
Recognition and Dedication of Memorials --- selected since previous All Saints“
Baptismal Festival (other baptismal festivals: Easter Vigil, Baptism of our Lord, Pentecost)

Possible use of LITANY OF SAINTS –spoken or sung (ELW Hymn 237), with these themes:
Baptism, thanksgiving for the saints, creedal --- similar to Apostles“ Creed

The Festival of All Saints“, when not on Sunday, November 1 is rightfully transferred to the first Sunday of November, which means GOSPEL OF THE WISE AND FOOLISH BRIDESMAIDS --- -
-- **is seldom heard.**

Since the next Sunday's Gospel is MATTHEW 25:14-30, which immediately follows MATTHEW 25:1-13, some pastors have been known to “combine these two texts” in the sermon the next Sunday!

DELAY IN THE LORD'S SECOND COMING

From the days of the early church, including the New Testament, especially the “later written” books, Christians have been dealing with the “delay in our Lord's final and triumphant coming at the end of the age.”

The story of the bridesmaids has been **a primary understanding for the whole Church: Christ, the bridegroom is delayed.** Have you not heard that this delay is for our benefit?

The bridesmaids fit the **image of the Church as the Bride of Christ**. From the days of the apostles in Gethsemane Garden, Christians have often become drowsy and sleepy in their participation in the Gospel. No wonder we hear announced: Watch and pray and Sleepers, awake (aka Wake, awake for night is flying).

O DAY FULL OF GRACE

Without denying our need to repent and acknowledge our sinfulness, our “missing the mark,” our fallen human condition, we underscore God's mercy and grace, the very heart of the Gospel, the Good news. This Scandinavian folk hymn, with alternate stanza texts by the great Danish theologian, Nicolai Grundtvig, proclaims the Gospel of hope and God's grace in a simple, but magnificent manner:

O day full of grace, that now we see **appearing on earth's horizon**

How blest was that gracious midnight hour,
when God in our flesh was given;
then brightened the dawn with light and pow'r
that spread o'er the darkened heaven,
then rose o'er the world that Sun divine,
which gloom from our hearts has driven.

As birds in the morning sing their praise,
God's fatherly love we cherish,
for giving to us this **day of grace**,
for life that shall never perish.
The church God has kept two thousand years,
and hungering souls did nourish.

When we on that final journey go that Christ is for us preparing *ELW Hymn 627*

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Saturday - 5:30 PM:	Nov. 5	Nov. 12	Nov. 19	Nov. 26	Dec. 3
ASSISTING MINISTER	David Brau	Jim Dineen	Jeff King	Monica Weber	David Brau
WORSHIP ASSISTANT	John & Mary Frances Gray	Alyene Brett Audrey Passoni	Alan Honea Jim Dineen	Ed & Sally Kaler	Maureen Brau Sarah / Jack Brau
Sunday 8:00 AM:	Nov. 6	Nov. 13	Nov. 20	Nov. 27	Dec. 4
ASSISTING MINISTER	Donna Cornelius	Bridget Radford	Jenna Butz	Monica Weber	Karen See
CANTOR	Jim Dineen	Palmer Clemmer	Bert Jergenson	Fred Bacon	Jordan Wolf
CRUCIFER	Shirley Hall	Karen See	Teri Brugman	Donna Cornelius	Scott Meyers
TORCHBEARERS	Jeremy Brugman Sam Brugman	N/A	Colby Bumgarner Colin Bumgarner	N/A	N/A
ACOLYTE	Jim Dineen	Donna Cornelius	Sam Brugman	Jeremy Brugman	Jake Meyers
LECTORS	Colleen O'Shields	Jim Dineen	Karen See	Carol Webster	Sharon Adkins
COMMUNION ASST.	Illa Peterson	Sharon Adkins	Donna Cornelius	Karen See	Diane Dusso
USHERS	Tim & Carol Webster	Baker & Pat Kirpatrick Klaudene Gourley	Diane & Dick Dusso	Jim Dineen Shirley Hall	Baker & Pat Kirpatrick Klaudene Gourley
Sunday 10:30 AM:	Nov. 6	Nov. 13	Nov. 20	Nov. 27	Dec. 4
ASSISTING MINISTER	John Lekander	Jack Gregorio	Jim Dineen	Monica Weber	Steve Glor
CANTOR	Jim Dineen	Palmer Clemmer	Bert Jergenson	Fred Bacon	Jordan Wolf
CRUCIFER	Steve Glor	Kathy Fox	Connor LaPointe	Carter Davidson	Karen Kral
TORCHBEARERS	Jill Bower Peyton Bower	N/A	Courtney LaPointe Carlin LaPointe	N/A	N/A
ACOLYTE(s)	Jim Dineen Josie Wolf	Katie Owens	Makayla Grant Tyler Grant	John Trantum Witt Trantum	tba
LECTORS	Mike Stone	Heidi White	Kathy Fox	Karen Kral	Bill Hoffman
COMMUNION ASST.	Kathleen Evans	Joanne Britt	Mike Stone	Jeremy Tingler	Joline West
USHERS	Joanne Britt Steve Fox Richard Smith	Ed & Sally Kaler	Gary & Sherry Freel Cody Hunter	Steve & Sue Petersen Bill Hoffman	Jeremy Tingler Alex House Nicole Steen

****If you are not going to be available for your scheduled service, it is incumbent upon you to coordinate with other MOIS participants to find a replacement. It is also very important that the church office is notified of the change.****

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		9:30 am - Lutheran Area Pastors Conference 11:00a - Sunshine Girls 7:00p - Worship & Music 8:00p - AA 8:00p - AI Anon	7:00a - Rotary 11:00a - Intercessory Prayer 4:45 pm - Tim's Kids 5:45 pm - WW Kids Dinner 6:10p - Womd. Wednesday 6:00p - Womens Bible Study 6:00p - Bell Choir 6:30p - Sr High Bible Study 7:00p - AdultChoir	8:00a - Men's Bible Study 11:30 am - Sertoma 5:30 pm - Girl Set Trp 1756	10:00a - Women's Bible Study 8:00p - AA	9:00am - Republican Breakfast 5:30 pm - Service 8:00p - AA
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
8:00 am - Service 9:15 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Service 6:45p - All Saints Candlelight Service	5:30 pm - TOPS 7:00p - Boy Scouts	7:00p - Stephen Ministry 7:00p - Stewardship 8:00p - AA 8:00p - AI Anon	7:00a - Rotary 11:00a - Intercessory Prayer 4:45 pm - Tim's Kids 5:45 pm - WW Kids Dinner 6:10p - Womd. Wednesday 6:00p - Womens Bible Study 6:00p - Bell Choir 6:30p - Sr High Bible Study 7:00p - AdultChoir	8:00a - Men's Bible Study 5:30 pm - Girl Set Trp 1756	10:00a - Women's Bible Study 8:00p - AA	7:00 am - Creative Memories 5:30 pm - Service 8:00p - AA
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
8:00 am - Service 9:15 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Service 7:00p - Centering Prayer	5:30 pm - TOPS 7:00p - Boy Scouts	9:30a - Bluebirds 7:15p - Exec. Cmt. 8:00p - AA 8:00p - AI Anon	7:00a - Rotary 11:00a - Intercessory Prayer 4:45 pm - Tim's Kids 5:45 pm - WW Kids Dinner 6:10p - Womd. Wednesday 6:00p - Womens Bible Study 6:00p - Bell Choir 6:30p - Sr High Bible Study 7:00p - AdultChoir	8:00a - Men's Bible Study 11:30 am - Sertoma 5:30 pm - Girl Set Trp 1756	10:00a - Women's Bible Study 8:00p - AA	5:30 pm - Service 8:00p - AA
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
8:00 am - Service 9:15 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Service 4:00p - E & A 7:00p - Centering Prayer	5:30 pm - TOPS 7:00p - Council 7:00p - Boy Scouts	10:00 am - TOTS Thanksgiving Lunch 7:00p - CPA Thankg. Serv. 8:00p - AA 8:00p - AI Anon	7:00a - Rotary 11:00a - Intercessory Prayer 6:00p - Womens Bible Study 6:00p - Bell Choir 7:00p - AdultChoir	8:00a - Men's Bible Study 5:30 pm - Girl Set Trp 1756	10:00a - Women's Bible Study 8:00p - AA	5:30 pm - Service 8:00p - AA
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