



Advent
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LUMINARY
NOVEMBER 2021



A Celebration of Saints

As the air turns cooler in the desert southwest, it always signals the start of one of my favorite times of the church year—the season of saints. At one time, the church calendar in November had the most saint days—beginning, of course, with the Feast of All Saints, November 1. All Saints is the one major feast in the calendar of the church that can take precedence of a Sunday—it literally can be moved. This year, it happens to fall on a Monday, November 1 does, so celebrating All Saints on the following Sunday, which the prayer book allows, puts our observance of the Feast of All Saints as its latest possible date: **November 7**.

On All Saints, we give thanks to God for the lives of those saints who have gone before us over the arc of time leading up to the present—both the well-known “Saints” of church history and the lesser known “saints” of recent history, and the saints in the history of our lives. People we have known, whose lives touched our lives in major or minor ways, but have touched us, nonetheless. During the prayers of the people, we say the names of those we wish to remember who have died: beginning with members of Advent church, then those names of our friends and families that we listed in the Book of Remembrance during October—those who have died in the previous year, and those who have died whom we still miss greatly or for whom we give deep thanks to God in our remembrance this day.

On this day, we also renew our own baptismal vows in the words of the Baptismal Covenant. It is truly a day for restoring our spiritual vision—to refocus the goal and purpose of our lives—to love God with all one’s heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to love our neighbor as ourselves. And in that loving, to draw closer to Christ and each other. Do not miss attending church on All Saints’ Sunday, November 7—it is surely a day of great solemnity and celebration!

Then on Sunday, **November 14**, we will honor our Veterans at Advent with a special food and fellowship following the 10:00 AM service. Paine Hall will be magically transformed into a “USO station,” and we will try to guess the name of that soldier whose picture in uniform while serving will be posted in Paine Hall. We give thanks to God for those who answered the call to serve our country in military service, especially those who are now member of Advent—both living and dead—and we continually pray for the safety of those men and women in uniform who still serve, and put themselves in harm’s way when necessary to defend our country and its freedoms. Do not miss the Veterans Day special food and fellowship on Sunday, November 14.



On Sunday, **November 21**, we will hold our annual Volunteer Appreciation Sunday luncheon, in Paine Hall following the 10:00 AM service. On this day we wish to publicly thank all the people who serve in one way or another in the over 50 ministries that take place throughout the year at Advent. One cannot over emphasize the importance of people’s willingness to offer their time and talent in the service of the church, the body of Christ living and serving on earth—so we take one Sunday to specifically acknowledge and give thanks for those persons who serve at Advent. No one serves in order to receive thanks or recognition, of course, but we must thank and acknowledge those persons who freely give of their time, who use their life knowledge and skill, to further the work of ministry at Advent.

Like people who give freely of their financial resources in gratitude to God for all God’s blessings

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in their lives, whom we will thank in other ways this month and next, we offer our heartfelt thanks to all of Advent's volunteer "ministers" whose service touches the lives of countless people in innumerable ways.

We invite all members and visitors of Advent to please join us on Sunday, **November 21**, following the 10:00 AM worship, for this celebration and appreciation luncheon in recognition of the volunteers of Advent.

Lastly, on Wednesday evening **November 24**, the eve of Thanksgiving, we will have our annual Thanksgiving dinner in Paine Hall beginning at approximately 5:00 PM. On that Wednesday, we will hold our weekly worship service of Holy Eucharist, with healing prayers beginning at 4:00 PM, and there will be the new service time each Wednesday from then on—Wednesday worship moves to 4:00 PM starting time permanently.

But men and women volunteers will prepare a delicious Thanksgiving meal for all who wish to come and eat together as we give thanks to God for all God's many blessings in our lives. IT is a month full of gratitude, for people living and dead, who have touched our lives dearly, in ways we sometimes barely know.

If you wish to come to the Thanksgiving dinner, please RSVP to the church office at 623-584-0350, so the right amount of food can be prepared with none wasted. All are welcome to come and celebrate Thanksgiving with your Advent parish family on Wednesday, November 24, beginning with worship at **4:00 PM**, followed by a sumptuous Thanksgiving meal. See you there!



St. Mary's Food Bank

Last year with so many in need, the St. Mary's Foodbank Coalition distributed over 19 million more pounds of food—that's an 18% increase over the prior year. For FY 21 that equals 125 million pounds of food that will be needed. You can help feed the hungry by donating food and/or money and volunteering here in Surprise. Any food items are appreciated. Please bring your food items (no glass containers) anytime to the wooden collection bins located by each of the Sanctuary entrance doors.



**St. Mary's
Food Bank®**

You can change people's lives by your generosity!

Contributions this year:

Food

August, 2021 – 40 lbs

September, 2021 – 100 lbs

Total Year to Date – 230 lbs

Cash Donations

August, 2021 - \$105

September, 2021 - \$110

Total Year to Date - \$420 (\$1 makes 7 bag meals so this amount equals 2,939 meals)

Help Needed with Memorial Receptions

It is the tradition at Advent to provide a reception following a memorial service. This is an important time for family and friends to gather together. We provide coffee, ice tea, and cookies and serve any other food provided by the family. If you can help with this ministry by baking cookies or giving a couple hours of your time to help with the reception, i.e., set up, serving and clean up, we could use your help. This is a rewarding ministry that takes very little of your time. Please contact Grace Roumell at 360.581.1243.

Every Perfect Gift

"Every Perfect Gift" is the theme of the 2022 Pledge/Intention of Giving campaign. The theme and image for "Every Perfect Gift" are wrapped in the metaphor of the butterfly and chrysalis. The humble and beautiful butterfly contains the philosophical and spiritual idea of the soul breaking free from its shell-free to discover, to inspire, to create, to communicate, to share.

These are also spiritual gifts, gifts that when we free ourselves to serve in the world, we need and share with others; and they are gifts of our stewardship.

Our mission at Advent is to connect, to inspire, to transform. The "Every Perfect Gift" campaign will kick-off on Sunday November 28 and the Ingathering of pledges will be December 12.

Watch for your "Every Perfect Gift" materials in your mail between November 18—22.

Thanks,
Jim Wooldridge
Gratitude & Generosity Committee.

Popcorn, Silver Screen & Ice Cream

Tired of being stuck in the house? Looking for something fun to do? Join the Advent community for a movie and conversation in Paine Hall for something fun we're calling: *Popcorn, the Silver Screen, and Ice Cream.*



Each month we'll watch a movie, followed by a conversation about the movie, enjoying snacks and each other's company along the way. Other scheduled films for viewing and discussion:

November 18—"Babette's Feast"

December 16—"The Man Who Invented Christmas"

Advent Concert Series

In addition to the November 7 and December 5 concerts, the Hospitality, Events, and Publicity Ministry is pleased to announce the following 2022 concerts:

November 7—Colour Blinde

December 5—The Phoenician Tenors with Johnny Huerta. (Tickets for the December performance will be \$10.00.)

2022

January 9—Sun City Rhythm Ramblers

February 6—Earl Thomas & Chorus

March 6—Salty Dogs

April 3—Desert Winds Steel Orchestra

May 1—Surprise Pops Band

Please remember to invite your friends and neighbors to our concerts.



HEP chair, Sharon Paine, is looking for more volunteers to assist with setting up and taking down at the concerts. *Expected time commitment:* two hours one Sunday per month. Please contact Sharon at 623.512.2616, if you can help.

"IRELAND: A CELTIC PILGRIMAGE"

"Ireland: A Celtic Pilgrimage" SAVE the dates: September 11-22, **2022**. Join Canon Timothy and Fr. Simon Airey of the Church of England for this wonderful trip to the Green Isle, walking in the footsteps of some of the great Celtic saints. Save the dates NOW!



Stewardship Is About Good Priorities

by Rev. Rob Blezard

"When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. Do not go over your vineyard a second time or pick up the grapes that have fallen. Leave them for the poor and the foreigner. I am the LORD your God." —Leviticus 19:9-10

"What I earn is mine, ALL mine, to do with what I want." That's the message our culture tells us again and again. Yet the Leviticus 19:9-10 clearly tells us that the "mine, all mine" attitude existed some 2,500 years ago as well. It's hard-wired into us.

Our sinful human nature leads us to claim all we can for ourselves, which is why for thousands of years God has called faithful people to live a better way. In this passage, "the Lord your God" instructs farmers and vintners to harvest only once, and not to the very edges of their land, and to leave the remnants of the harvest to the poor and the foreigner – people on the margins scavenging for their daily bread.

The teaching encourages landowners to find sufficiency in their first harvest and then be generous with what is left over. Today, Leviticus 19:9-10 challenges us whose "harvests" of income are more than sufficient to satisfy our immediate needs. Do we have to take it all? What can we give for the needy?

In this traditional season of harvest, what blessings can you count from the last year? (Take a few minutes to prayerfully consider this, and make a list). Does your harvest more than adequately meet your needs?

Now prayerfully consider how much you can generously "leave" for the needy? Consider this in making a year-end contribution to your congregation, or in determining a pledge for 2022.

--Rob Blezard Copyright © 2021, Rev. Robert Blezard. Pastor Blezard serves as pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, MD, and works as content editor for www.stewardshipoflife.org. He blogs at www.thestewardshipguy.com.



Upcoming Events in November

Tuesday, November 2

9:00 AM—Men's Club Meeting

➔ Parish Council meeting originally scheduled for November 2 will be moved to November 16.

Thursday, November 4

9:30 AM—Hospitality, Events, and Publicity Meeting

Saturday, November 6

11:00 AM—Jerry Overton Celebration of Life Service

Sunday, November 7

All Saints Sunday

Pictures due for Veterans Day Celebration

Sunday, November 14

11:30 AM—Special Veterans Day Celebration
(Note: No potluck.)

Tuesday, November 16

11:00 AM—Parish Council meeting

Wednesday, November 17

2:30 PM—Usher & Greeter Training

Sunday, November 21

Volunteer Appreciation Sunday

Wednesday, November 24

4:00 PM—Wednesday Healing Service

5:00 PM—Thanksgiving Dinner

Called to *Serve*



"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope."

Romans 15:13

NOVEMBER 1

MEG LEWIS
JESSE TAVARES

NOVEMBER 3

RUTH THOMAS

NOVEMBER 4

SHARON NAVRATIL
ANYA SMOCK, JR

NOVEMBER 6

PAULINE SCALCO

NOVEMBER 7

COLLEEN GRIMES
KEN MEAD
JILL OTT

NOVEMBER 9

CAROL KEARNEY
DAVID MCLAUGHLIN
CLAIRE MURPHY

NOVEMBER 12

CHARLES KERZAN

NOVEMBER 14

MARY JO CHEW
PEGGY FURNIA
HARRISON SMITH

NOVEMBER 15

ARLENE ARNOLD
SUSAN KONZ

NOVEMBER 20

MARILYN ALCAMO

NOVEMBER 24

JANICE WATTS

NOVEMBER 25

ELIZABETH HOGGAN

NOVEMBER 26

BONNIE BRISCOE
BEVERLY NELSON

NOVEMBER 27

PHYLLIS YINGLING

NOVEMBER 28

RAPH MARTIN

NOVEMBER 8

TOM & NITA MARTIN

NOVEMBER 9

DAVID & MARSHA BATHKE

NOVEMBER 10

MICHAEL & DOLORES DELOERA

NOVEMBER 16

ELDON WOLD, JR. & BILL SCHNEIDER

NOVEMBER 17

PETE & MARILYN ARNDT

NOVEMBER 23

ERNEST & SHARON DOYLE SR.
THOMAS & KATHRYN FLAHERTY

NOVEMBER 29

DONALD & SHIRLEY MELLUM



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| Sunday | | Monday | | Tuesday | | Wednesday | | Thursday | | Friday | | Saturday | |
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| 31 | 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist with Sermon 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist with Music and Sermon 11:15 AM Coffee Hour | 1 9:00 AM Helping Hands 11:00 AM AI-Anon Meditation Meeting - Dibbs Hall | 2 8:00 AM Men's Club Meeting 1:00 PM EFM | 3 8:00 AM Altar Guild 10:00 AM The Book of Genesis Bible Study 4:00 PM AA Meeting 5:00 PM Holy Eucharist with Healing Service | 4 9:30 AM Hospitality, Events, Publicity 10:00 AM AI-Anon - Dibbs Hall 10:00 AM Healing Ministry 7:00 PM AA Variety Group | 5 8:30 AM Altar Guild 11:00 AM AI-Anon | 6 11:00 AM Jerry Overton Celebration of Life | | | | | | |
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| 14 | 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist with Sermon 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist with Music and Sermon 11:00 AM Veterans Day Celebration | 15 9:00 AM Helping Hands 11:00 AM AI-Anon Meditation Meeting - Dibbs Hall | 16 8:00 AM Men's Club Tivoli Gardens 11:00 AM Parish Council meeting 1:00 PM EFM | 17 8:00 AM Altar Guild 9:00 AM Finance Committee - In-Person/Virtual 10:00 AM The Book of Genesis Bible Study 10:30 AM Vestry Executive Committee 4:00 PM AA Meeting 5:00 PM Holy Eucharist with Healing Service | 18 10:00 AM AI-Anon - Dibbs Hall 2:00 PM Popcorn, the Silver Screen & Ice Cream 7:00 PM AA Variety Group | 19 Luminary Articles Due 8:30 AM Altar Guild 11:00 AM AI-Anon | 20 | | | | | | |
| 21 | 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist with Sermon 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist with Music and Sermon 11:15 AM Coffee Hour 11:15 AM Homecoming Sunday/volunteer appreciation | 22 8:30 AM Happy Hat Hookers 10:00 AM Advent Card Ministry - Conf Room 11:00 AM AI-Anon Meditation Meeting - Dibbs Hall 6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 4926 | 23 1:00 PM EFM | 24 8:00 AM Altar Guild 10:00 AM The Book of Genesis Bible Study 4:00 PM AA Meeting 4:00 PM Holy Eucharist with Healing Service 5:00 PM Thanksgiving Dinner | 25 10:00 AM AI-Anon - Dibbs Hall 7:00 PM AA Variety Group | 26 8:30 AM Altar Guild 11:00 AM AI-Anon | 27 | | | | | | |
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Fewer lonely people, fewer hungry people; more peace, joy, and love in the lives of those we serve.



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