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## Who's Ready for Pumpkin Bowling?



Next week, we will have an instructed Eucharist. This means instead of having a sermon. Deacon Scott or I will be interrupting the liturgy to share with you what we are doing and why. Understanding the liturgy is an important part of Christian formation, which literally means the work of the people. I do understand that there is a lot of information coming very quickly. This will not be the last time we ever do it. Also, every few years, I publish a series of articles on the Eucharist that covers the same material in a different way (last done in 2022 and I will probably do again next program year). I also know that instructed Eucharists can be disruptive to the usual rhythm of prayer. This can be a good thing to make us dwell on parts of the liturgy on which we might not normally focus. I encourage you to bring a writing utensil to jot a note, or two. Our Episcopal liturgy is beautiful and grounded in two thousand years of tradition. As I have shared with you before, our one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church runs on two axis. The horizontal represents the universal church as practiced everywhere in the world. We do not have exclusive access to Jesus. Jesus is worshiped on every continent. The vertical axis is the church through time. Our own particular era and its concerns also does not have an exclusive right to Jesus. Jesus will be there in the future and was there in the past. The fourth century church did things we might not like, but also had practices that were probably better than ours. We can learn about the church from how Christianity is understood across the world, and we can understand our faith more by engaging in its history and what was important to people who lived long ago. I hope you will join us for this look into what we are praying and why. Blessings, Marc

UPCOMING EVENTS: 10/16- Eucharist @ 10:30am

10/16 - Bible Study @ 12:30pm Happy Birthday! Ann Angelo Jean Potter Rev. Ben Brockman Susane Kulikowski Thomas Ferlazo Happy Anniversary! David & Cindy Galica **Fall Harvest Coffee Hour** - Happy Fall! Please join us as we gather for some October fun and fellowship after the 10am service on **October 20th**. We will have pumpkin painting (bring your own pumpkin!) pumpkin bowling, harvest treats like cider and donuts, and bobbing for apples. Join us to celebrate each other and the beauty of autumn in New England! Any questions, see Betsy, Melissa, Jodie or Maureen after church.

**Bible Study** – Our Bible Study on the Acts of the Apostles continues this coming Wednesday at 12:30pm in St. Mary's Hall. Every Wednesday Bible study is hybrid. If you would like a zoom link, please contact Father Marc.

Assorted Nut Sales – Nancy Simon will be collecting Assorted Nut Sale order forms. Due date for all sales is **Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>**. Order forms will be in the back of the church. Please contact Nancy Simon for any questions – 860-978-0198/nancycsimon@att.net

**Tree of Light** – Join us in making our Tree of Light shine bright this holiday season. Order forms will be in the back of the church. Due date for forms is **Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>**. Please contact Linda Borovicka with any questions.

**Holiday Bazaar** - This year's Bazaar will be held from **9 am to 2 pm on Saturday, November 23rd in St. Mary's Hall.** Are you interested in finding out how YOU can help make our 2024 St. John's Holiday Bazaar a success? I will hold an informational meeting at 9 am on Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup> in St. Mary's Hall. I am looking for volunteers to help with setup the week of Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>, during the Bazaar on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, and take down on the 24<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you there! Any questions, please contact Nancy Simon @860-978-0198 or <u>nancycsimon@att.net</u>.

## Hawkwing Outreach - Sept.29th- Oct 27th

The outreach will consist of collecting NEW TOYS for ages 1 month - 18yrs old. for The Give Away Event in Dec. Money Collection for the 2 food banks on the reservation will be on Sun. Oct.20th at both services. Collection boxes will be for clean, gently used or new WINTER COATS for children, women and men. TOYS AND GAMES -. Some ideas are art supplies, board games, trucks and cars, preschool play sets, building blocks, basketballs, footballs and dolls. (no stuffed toys, battery, electric, violent or religious themes.) The Rez purchases food from the South Dakota Food Bank for 18 cents a lb. Your dollar goes a long way. Let's stock their food bank for the winter coming. You can make out a check for toys and or food bank to St. John's. Please fill in the memo line where you want the donation to go to. You can either mail in your checks to St. John's or put them in the collection plate. Any questions please call Terri @ 860.644.5892/ e-mail www.hawkwing.org