

St. John's Announcements

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Fall Foliage



Next week, November 3rd, we will be celebrating All Saints' Sunday. All Saints' Day is one of the high feasts in our church. At the 10:00am Eucharist, we will have the *Premiere Brass Quartet* joining us. Having brass as part of worship is special as well as festive. All Saints' Day is a feast which is probably older than Christmas – only behind Pentecost and Easter. The day was originally celebrated in the Spring when it was called All Martyrs' Day. This reflects the very real experience of persecution that early Christians faced. As the years went on, the church decided that it wanted a special day to celebrate all the saints (certainly including the martyred ones). All Saint's Day is the highlight of three straight days of Christian observance. All Hallows' Eve is of Old English origin, and with some help from the Scots language, was eventually contracted to *Hallowe'en*. All Saints' Day, similar to Christmas, was a feast that encouraged people to visit their neighbors. It was traditional to visit one's neighbors singing songs (perhaps even doing short skits) and bringing and receiving food and drink. The traveling party would often raise money for some charitable purpose. The day after All Saints' Day is All Souls' Day. This day remembers all of the departed. We will not have a Eucharist on All Souls' this year, as Linda Brockman's funeral will be that day. We will pray the list of the honored dead at the Wednesday Eucharist on November 6th. We will pray for those who have died since last All Saints' Day, on All Saints' Sunday.

Blessings,
Marc

UPCOMING EVENTS:
10/30– Eucharist @
10:30am

10/30 – Bible Study @
12:30pm

Happy Birthday!
Doris Baer
Kathy Brown
Mary Covello
Noreen Kirk
Paul Finney
Sue Douglass



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.

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 17th**. Please contact Linda Borovicka with any questions.

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

Gift Card Sales - Sale begins now and last day to put in orders is December 8th. Gift cards will be delivered on 12/15. Order forms are on the table in the Narthex. Please hand in your orders along with a check made payable to St. John's Episcopal Church. You can give your order to Lois Valliere at the 8am service and Bill Francis at the 10am service. You can also drop your order at the office or call Bill Francis to arrange a pick-up – 860-836-6748. Please remember those amongst us who are challenged with grocery insecurity.

Lunch Bunch – will meet Thursday, Nov. 7th at 12:00 in St. Mary's Hall. Please bring a hot or cold dish to share. Beverages and desserts are provided. All parishioners are invited. Contact Chris Emery 860-593-3176 if you have any questions. Hope to see you there!

Ushers for 10am service - We need two additional ushers for the 10 o'clock service. Please contact Skip Sutcliffe at 860-978-0091 or jw9714@yahoo.com if you would be willing to serve one Sunday a month in this important but low-key ministry

Offertory Envelopes - In order to conserve resources in 2025, please let us know if you would prefer monthly offering envelopes. You may contact the church office or drop a note in the offering plate.

