

For All the Saints... But Especially the Church Basement Ladies

Dear Friends in Christ,

When we are baptized into Christ, it is not simply a solitary ceremony marking the covenant of promise between God and the recipient. It also signifies our adoption into the whole family of God; saints past, present, and future. If we are blessed, however, there are some special saints who provide that extra layer of love, belonging, and hospitality in Christ that shows up for the best of times and the more difficult ones as well.

This All Saints Sunday, I will not be with you. I will be fulfilling a request from a dear family friend, my mom's closest friend, who asked that I preach at her memorial in Bellevue, Washington, at my home congregation.

My mother and Lois Corwin met when the pastor of the newly merged congregation, Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, having met both my mom and Lois, introduced them personally to each other. "I think you two will be friends", Pastor Ed Baseler told them. He was prophetic. The friendship continued until the day my mom passed in 1997. That's not completely accurate... True friendship goes far beyond our earthly existence.

Together, they served on the altar guild when the church was formed. (In the early days, they even made the altar candles; talk about commitment!). Lois and my mom coordinated weddings together for a few years, although Lois continued in this role for hundreds of weddings over the decades. They worked well together. A couple of years ago, my brother Ian

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November 1

Isaiah 25:6-9
Psalm 24 (5)
Revelation 21:1-6a
John 11:32-44

November 2

Numbers 9:9-14
Luke 10:25-37
Psalm 119:1-8

November 3

Deuteronomy 6:1-9
Psalm 119:1-8 (2)
Hebrews 9:11-14
Mark 12:28-34

November 4

Deuteronomy 6:10-25
Romans 12:17-21; 13:8-10
Psalm 51

November 5

Deuteronomy 28:58— 29:1
Acts 7:17-29
Psalm 51

November 6

Micah 6:1-8
John 13:31-35
Psalm 51

November 7

Numbers 36:1-13
Romans 5:6-11
Psalm 146

November 8

Deuteronomy 15:1-11
Hebrews 9:15-24
Psalm 146

November 9

Deuteronomy 24:17-22
Mark 11:12-14, 20-24

found a picture from one of my birthday parties circa 1970, with Lois and my mom wrangling the neighborhood kids and serving cake.

Lois was one first secretaries of Cross of Christ; the first voice you heard when you dialed SHerwood 6-7300. She typed the bulletins and copied them on the mimeograph with competence and care. Bulletins each Sunday for three different services. (8:15, 9:30, and 11). 300-500 each week. Her background as a community college instructor in office management was evident in her work.

Lois Corwin was part of a strong cohort of women, many who to this day I still call my "church moms", who coordinated countless receptions after memorial services, including my Dad's in 1986 and my Mom's about a decade later. I still find the smell of coffee, hotdish, and lemon bars a comfort when my soul aches and I need the mutual consolation and conversation of the saints. Not just in the difficult times, but in the celebratory ones as well.

Her role in my church and my life is probably not unique. In congregations all over the world, since the inception of the church, communities of women have helped to hold congregation's together. At seminary, I was introduced to a phrase by my midwestern classmates describing these women...Church Basement Ladies.

Have you been blessed to have Church Basement Ladies in your life of faith? I know for a fact that at Christ Lutheran Church in Aurora, we have a long and proud legacy of strong, gracious women of faith who have taught Sunday School, written cards, made cookies, hugged kids, called the grieving, prepared the altar, cried together, and loved one another. 125 years of them! May their memory be a blessing.

I am also grateful that a new contingent of strong women, nurtured by church basement ladies, are now themselves pastors of the church. May their ministries be a blessing too!

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November 10

1 Kings 17:8-16
Psalm 146 (8)
Hebrews 9:24-28
Mark 12:38-44

November 11

Ruth 1:1-22
1 Timothy 5:1-8
Psalm 94

November 12

Ruth 3:14-4:6
1 Timothy 5:9-16
Psalm 94

November 13

Ruth 4:7-22
Luke 4:16-30
Psalm 94

November 14

Daniel 4:4-18
1 Timothy 6:11-21
Psalm 16

November 15

Daniel 4:19-27
Colossians 2:6-15
Psalm 16

November 16

Daniel 4:28-37
Mark 12:1-12
Psalm 16

November 17

Daniel 12:1-3
Psalm 16 (9)
Hebrews 10:11-14
[15-18] 19-25
Mark 13:1-

November 18

Daniel 8:1-14
Hebrews 10:26-31
Psalm 13

November 19

Daniel 8:15-27
Hebrews 10:32-39
Psalm 13

Ironically, the reception for Lois Corwin's memorial will not be in the church basement.

It will be offsite at a local Golf Course/County Club. One final gift to her fellow church basement ladies, giving them the day off.

I hope there are lots of great stories shared around the table. I do, however, hope there is still coffee and lemon bars.

Here's to giving thanks to those who nurtured us in the faith by their friendship, support, and hospitality. They truly are saints.

Peace!

Pastor Craig

Thank you from Pastor Craig

Dear Friends in Christ,

I want to deeply thank the congregation for the appreciation booklet that was presented to me last Sunday, October 27th. So many of you took the time to write such kind and thoughtful notes and I have read them all! I appreciate you all as well!

Also, your generous gifts toward one of my favorite charities, Rotary International's Polio Plus, will surely save lives and move the world one step closer to a Polio free future. Almost \$400 was collected, which means that \$400 will be matched 2 for 1 by the Gates Foundation, for a total of \$1,200. At a cost of 60 cents per dose, that means your gift will provide 2,000 doses of polio vaccine to children around the world! Wow!

November 20

Zechariah 12:1—13:1

Mark 13:9-23

Psalm 13

November 21

Ezekiel 28:1-10

Acts 7:54—8:1a

Psalm 93

November 22

Ezekiel 28:20-26

1 Corinthians 15:20-28

Psalm 93

November 23

Daniel 7:1-8, 15-18

John 3:31-36

Psalm 93

November 24

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Psalm 93 Revelation 1:4b-8

John 18:33-37

November 25

Daniel 7:19-27

Revelation 11:1-14

Psalm 76

November 26

Ezekiel 29:1-12

Revelation 11:15-19

Psalm 76

November 27

Ezekiel 30:20-26

John 16:25-33

Psalm 76

November 28

Joel 2:21-27

Psalm 126

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Matthew 6:25-33

November 29

Nehemiah 9:16-25 1

Thessalonians 5:12-22

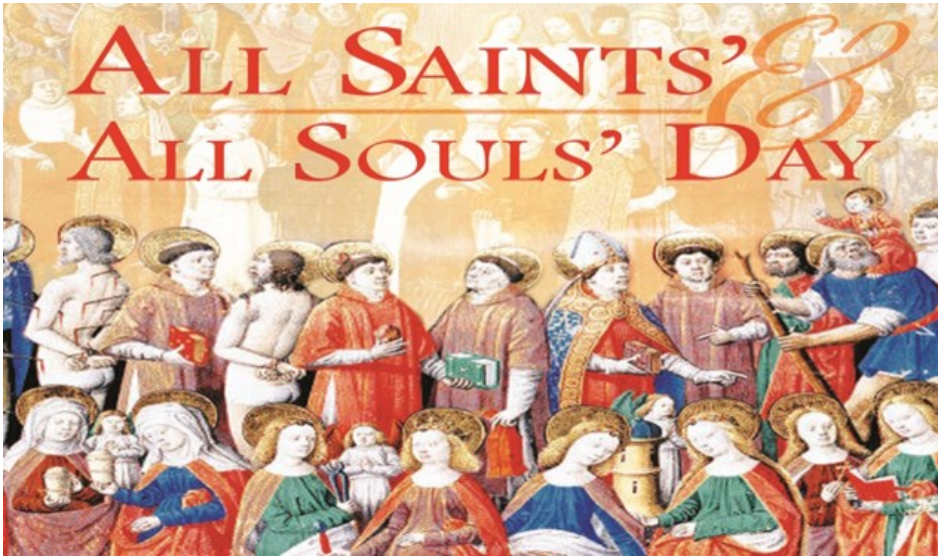
Psalm 25:1-10

November 30

Nehemiah 9:26-31

Luke 21:20-24 Psalm

25:1-10



All Saints' Day

To the saints who are in Aurora (and Canby, Donald and Woodburn)! Grace to you in peace.

By God's grace, and through the waters of baptism, we are made saints and a part of the whole company of heaven: past, present, and future.

On All Saints' Sunday we especially honor those who have died for the faith, those who have died in the faith, and all who through baptism have died to sin and death.

We lovingly remember those sisters and brothers of Christ Lutheran Church who have passed since the last All Saints Day:

- Teresa Condon 12/2/2023
- Lawson Roberts 3/2/2024
- Rick Snell 8/24/2024



Sam Dyrdaahl	3
Zach Eggert	18
John Ries	18
Wyatt Akin	23
Dillon Lockett	26
Karen Johnson	27



Larry & Ilene	
Marnella	17
Carey & Dan	
Pinto	26

In Our Hearts & Prayers

Prayers for	Requested by
Abraham	Barb B.
Anna (Grider) Westcott	Jim & Doris Grider
Bankhead Family	Wyatt Akin
Beth Brandt	Mary W.
Betty Gerhardt	Kenton and Mary Wolfe
Bob and Sally Boonstra	Doris Grider
Bonnie and Bruce John-	PC
Brooke	Heather W
Bruce Baker	Kevin Baker
Burt Aus	Judi Aus
Carol Smith	Helen D
Charles G.	PC
Colin Brown	Heather W
Cindy Caufield	Susan W
Dana St. Clair	Diane Schaber
Dennis Ormseth	Mary W.
Dixie Scheehear	PC
Dyrdahl Family	PC
Ed Lapsley	Sharon G.
Ellen Paulson	Lorrie Dyrdahl
Eric Wechter	PC
Evie Berg	PC
Gayle Abernathy Family	PC
Heather Wechter	PC
Heidi Daniel Family	PC
Hollinger Family, Ellie	Kimberly Macklin
Howard & Kathy Brandt	Mary W.

Jan G	PC
Jerry McKenzie	Sharon G.
Jo Miller	Kimberly Macklin
JoAnn Caufield	Cindy C
Joanna Painter	Dixie
Kate	PC
Kim	Lisa
Kimberly Kyser	Cindy C
Larry Marnella	Ilene Marnella
Laurie Boyce	PC
Linda Fender	Dan and Lonnie Harms
Lorrie D	PC
Lynn Bloomfield	Lonnie and Dan Harms
Mary Wolfe	PC
Matt H	PC
Micah Akin	Wyatt Akin
Mike and Dixie Harms	Dan and Lonnie Harms
Mike McCue	Heather Wechter
Oscar D	Sam D
Piper	Heather W
Richard Dyrdahl	Lorrie Dyrdahl
Robert	Jordain
Roy Steven	Joyce
Shirley Ann Andreason	Ilene Marnella
Sylvia Peter	PC
Tom Haskins	Kim M.
Traci	Barb B.
Vi Anderson	Judi

- Those with memory care issues and those who care for them.
- Those receiving radiation or chemotherapy.
- Those who are in hospice care.
- Our loved ones serving in the armed forces, especially those serving overseas.



November 2, 2024

(Saturday 11-2pm)
Lunch/Working Meeting for All
at the Pinto's:
7002 SW Iron Horse St.
Wilsonville 97070

No need to bring anything,
just show up, lunch will be
provided,

November 16, 2024

(Saturday @ 10 am.)
meet at church to set up and
Decorate Giving Tree Display
- all are welcome!

November 17, 2024

(Sunday after Service)
Help congregation take tags
from display, answer
questions, etc.

November 23-

December 8, 2024

Purchase Toiletries for
families (Sign up in Narthex)

December 1, 2024

(Sunday)
LAST DAY TO TAKE A GIFT
TAG FROM NARTHEX!

December 8, 2024

(Sunday)
LAST DAY to return tags and
wrapped gifts w/Tags and non
-perishable items to church.
Make last-minute lists for any
missing items.

December 8-9, 2024

Volunteers (TBD) Shop For
Remaining Gifts and Food
Items and Bring to Church
NLT Dec. 11th.

December 11, 2024

(Wednesday)
FINAL DAY TO DROP OFF
ALL REMAINING GIFTS AND
NON-PERISHABLE FOODS
TO CHURCH.

December 14, 2024

(Saturday)
Pre-Sort Gifts and
Non-Perishable Food for
Initial Staging of Deliveries
to each Family 10-2pm @
CLC Basement

December 21, 2024

(Saturday 9am-3pm)
Final Sorting of Gifts and
Food at Church.
DELIVERIES TO ALL FAMILY
RECIPIENTS SEVERAL
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

December 21, 2024 early
in a.m. Pickup perishable
meals on to be combined
with non-perishable items
Dates and Activities Above
Subject to Change

Sign up in the Narthex to
Volunteer

Questions/Comments?

Contact Dean Pinto
Cell: 503-803-4315
Email:
soccer97070@msn.com



**JESUS IS THE REASON
FOR THE SEASON**

Every year we help needy
families in the North
Marion area at Christmas
time. We get gift
suggestions from the
families and try to fulfill
their wishes. We give two
clothing items and two
toys, jewelry, etc. to
children and two
household items and
perhaps one clothing item to
parents. We provide
Christmas dinner and
staples for a month or
more.

How can you help?

Donate money, separate
from normal giving,
designated "Giving
Tree" to buy whatever is
needed to complete the
gifts and food dona-
tions. Place cash in a
pew envelope and mark
it Giving Tree or write
Giving Tree on memo
line of check and place
in offering.

Congregation

Members contact
Pastor Craig with names
of families with children
(with their permission)
who need help at
Christmas time and
their gift information.

November 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 All Saints Day	2
3 All Saints Sunday Daylight Savings 10 am Worship 7 pm AA	4	5 6 pm AA	6	7 9 am Backpack Buddies	8 6-8 pm "Welbriety" Recovery Support Group Begins	9
10 10 am Worship Church Council 7 pm AA	11	12 6 pm AA	13 3 pm Food Share	14 6:30 pm Council Meeting	15 6-8 pm "Welbriety" Recovery Support Group	16 10 am Giving Tree Set up and Decoration Noon-12:30 pm Endowment Team
17 10 am Worship 7 pm AA	18	19 6 pm Christmas Tree Lighting, Aurora City Park 6 pm AA	20	21 Backpack Buddies	22 6-8 pm "Welbriety" Recovery Support Group	23
24 10 am Worship 11:30 am Endowment Team 7 pm AA	25	26 3-5:00 pm North Marion Services Team Meeting, 6 pm AA	27	28 Church Office Closed Thanksgiving Day	29 Church Office Closed	30

November Worship Helpers

November 3

Reader: Dale Williamson
Ushers: Dale and Susan Williamson
Donut Host: Helen David

November 10

Veterans Day Recognition

Reader: Lance Lyon
Usher: Lance Lyon
Coffee Host: Sonya Johnson,
Marvis Gilnett, Heather Wechter

November 17

Reader: Carolyn Popma
Usher: George Will
Coffee Host: Susan Williamson

November 24

Reader: Nancy Beyers
Usher: Dennis Lewis and Wyatt Akin
Coffee Host: Bonnie Johnson

December 1

Reader: Lynn Ries
Usher: John and Lynn Ries
Donut Host: Barb Bannister

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