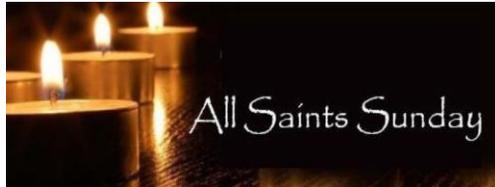




**Twenty-Fourth Sunday
After Pentecost
All Saints Sunday
November 7, 2021**

“Jesus said, ”God blesses those who mourn, for they will be comforted.” (Matthew 5:4)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



We are fortunate as members of God’s family to be part of a “LIVING CHURCH” which transcends time and space. Death holds no power over us, because of the victory which Christ won for us on the cross. With Paul, we sneer at death and proclaim that victory through his words to Corinthians Church in I Corinthians 15:55-57:

“Death is swallowed up in victory.
O death, where is thy victory?
O death, where is thy sting?”

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law, but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Sunday November 7th we celebrate that “LIVING CHURCH” as we gather for ALL SAINTS Sunday. We gather as the Church Militant, those who are still fighting the good fight of the faith, to remember the members of the Church Triumphant, those who have died during this past year, and many of us will remember friends and loved ones who have died years ago but who still hold a sacred place in our hearts. Join us this All Saints Sunday, as we give evidence once again that we are a “LIVING CHURCH” that celebrates our new life in Christ.

**Join us this Sunday, Invite a Friend to Worship Service 9:30 A.M.
Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour Saturday night**

Scripture Readings

I John 3:1-3

Matthew 5:1-12

- **Happening Around St. James**

Children Sunday School invites and welcomes all our young disciples

Adult Forum in Fireside Room (see details below) All are welcome.

Women's Bible Study Mondays at 11 A.M.

Men's Bible Study Gathers . . .at 9 A.M. on Tuesdays.

Additional Bible Study Opportunity . . . included with this weekly update is a bible study for you to use in the comfort of your home.

Adult Bible Study lead by Tracy Guffey. The title is “Waiting . . . a study on patience, hope, and trust as the Spirit works in our lives.” This is a timely topic that all of us will benefit from. Join us following worship.

All Saints Day . . . November 7th. On All Saints Day we remember all the saints that have left the church militant on earth and joined the church triumphant in heaven. We specially remember those who have died in the past year. If you have a loved one who has died in the past 12 months, please write them down on the All Saints sheet in the narthex.

Poinsettias . . . We received the order forms for Christmas poinsettias this week. The order needs to be complete by November 7th. They are \$12 and you can order red, white, pink and marble star. So if you would like to order a poinsettias to adorn our altar area, there is a signup sheet in the narthex for your convenience.

- **Looking for Volunteers . . .** As part of Care & Prayer ministry we have been thinking there may be a need to offer transportation to and from church to local residents in the Greenfield area. If you would be willing to serve in this way contact the church office or Linda Hess.
- **Afghani Refugees Need our Help . . .** clothing donations are needed for the refugees from Afghanistan who are now temporarily housed at Camp Atterbury. We are collecting new men's and women's clothes, socks and shoes, children and newborn clothes as well underwear, and coats for the winter season. Bring whatever you get here to church and we will get them to the local Armory
- **Ben Black's Address.** Most of us know Ben is spending time now at Fort Jackson in SC. He is in Chaplain Officer Training. Many have asked for his address so you can send a card at Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving and perhaps Christmas. A card from home when he is so far from home would be much appreciated for sure. Here is his address for now:

Chaplain Basic Officer Leader Course (Class # 21-003)
2LT Black, Benjamin L
USACHCS
10100 Lee Road

Fort Jackson, SC 29207-7090

- **Blood Drive on Halloween** was a wonderful success. We were able to collect 19 units of blood. Thanks to all who came, all gave, and all who served. So many will be blessed by the gift of life.
- **Continue to Hold our Church in Prayer** as we await someone who can be a pastoral candidate. May the Holy Spirit move strong in our midst & in the heart of the person who will take the reins of pastoral leadership of St James. In the near future we will be sharing in a Bible Study on the Biblical understanding on the blessing and use of times of waiting.

Greetings from the HMD Council Here are prayer concerns to lift up to the throne of God as we join in prayer both individually and as a church family

- Pray for the Ethiopian Mekane Yesus Evangelical Church and Seminary and the North American Lutheran Church's disaster relief effort for the flooding and devastation that has impacted the area, church and seminary. Pray that the people there feel the Lord's presence, as they go through these troubled times and that peace and healing is sent to all.
- Pray for blessings for the Heartland Mission District (HMD) congregation and call committee of First United Lutheran Church - Hammond Indiana and for the mission of Lutheran Military Veterans and Families Ministries, Inc. - Ft. Wayne Indiana including Executive Director Pastor Leslie Haines.
- Pray that the HMD's new disaster relief warehouse under construction at Peace Lutheran Church in Connersville Indiana is built quickly and before the cold weather comes.
- Pray for guidance, support and strength from the Holy Spirit for Pastor Doug Gast, the newly elected Dean of the HMD as well as seminarian Ben Black and Pastor Chris Wendel who are both currently at Ft. Jackson in Chaplain Officers Training.

Thank you all for your prayers. I can be contacted at pastorstjamesnalc@gmail.com, or by phone 317 727-0612, or calling the St James office. Yours in Christ, Pastor Doug