THE WEEKLY WORD-ANNOUNCEMENTS

IT'S TIME FOR A NEW DIRECTORY!

MORE PHOTOGRAPHY DATES ADDED:

November 1 | 3:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. November 2 | 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Schedule your photography appointment online by scanning the QR code or go to www.ucdir.com

Unable to have your photo taken November 1 or 2?

You can submit a photo, free of charge. If you submit a photo the cost to purchase a directory is \$15. Email your photo to meganelcoorwatertown.org or bring your photo into the church office by November 10.



LIVE ENTERTAINMENT FELLOWSHIP

Special Music Welcome This could be singing, instrumental, group, solo or even a family venture.

(605) 949-1372 if you are interested.

Church Code:

sd135

5TH & 6TH GRADE FF 5

Please contact Kristy Tostenson,

Praise & Rejoice Choir Director at

Join us from 6-7:30 p.m. for games, crafts, snacks and fellowship Friends are always welcome.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7 (Rt. 56 will be combining with Junction for the evening.)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDE

Are you willing to read? To usher? To serve communion? We hope your answer is YES! We need you every week! The sign-up process can be completed easily online - or just reach out to Twila or scan the QR code!

Sandwich Ministry is in need of cookies. We have cookie kits available for pick up at the Welcome Center or church office.

You can also bake your own cookies & drop them off at the church. Thank you



SCAN ME



Follow by Andy Stanley | 8 weeks

Sign up at the Welcome Center Study Guide: \$10

Begins Thursday, November 7 | 6PM





Wednesdays at 12:15 p.m. in the Gathering Space.

All men are welcome to bring their own lunch and participate in a group bible study with Pastor Dan.

1st-4th Grade

IST - 4TH GRADE

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Calendar: October 30 - November 10

Wednesday October 30

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
12:15 p.m. Men's Lunch
4:45 p.m. Community Meal
5:30 p.m. Church School
5:30 p.m. Confirmation Workshop
6:30 p.m. Worship (Church School Kids Sing)
7:15 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal

Thursday October 31

9:00 a.m. LCOOR Preschool Halloween Parade & Party 5:15 p.m. Al-Anon

Friday November 1

Church Office Closes at Noon 8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry 2:00-8:30 p.m. Church Directory Photos 7:15 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal

Saturday November 2

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Church Directory Photos 5:30 p.m. Traditional Worship with Holy Communion (All Saints') 6:30 p.m. Saturday Evening Meal

Sunday November 3

8:30 a.m. Church School 8:30 a.m. Confirmation Workshop 9:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion (All Saints') 10:30 a.m. Praise & Rejoice Choir Rehearsal

Monday November 4

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry 6:45 p.m. Al-Anon

Tuesday November 5

10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Group 11:00 a.m. Text Study 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting 5:15 p.m. tHIS Love Bible Study

Wednesday November 6

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry
12:15 p.m. Men's Lunch
4:45 p.m. Community Meal
5:30 p.m. Church School
5:30 p.m. Confirmation Workshop
6:30 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion (All Saints')
7:15 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal

Thursday November 7

9:00 a.m. Quilting 5:15 p.m. Al-Anon 6:00 p.m. 'Follow' Bible Study with Pastor Dan 6:00 p.m. Junction & Route 56 Youth Groups

Friday November 8

Church Office Closes at Noon 8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry

Saturday November 9

5:30 p.m. Traditional Worship **Sunday November 10** Book Signing - *The Gift* with Dave Nerdig & Linda Schoepp 8:30 a.m. Church School 8:30 a.m. Confirmation Workshop 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Praise & Rejoice Choir Rehearsal

Attendance & Offering

October 20 Live Stream- 96 Saturday, October 26- 47 Sunday, October 27- 302 Wednesday, October 23- 165

Offering (10/23-10/27): General Fund: \$6,767;

Church School: \$25.81; Mission of the Month: \$125.50; Debt Reduction: \$60; Other: \$100;

<u>Simply Giving Offering (10/21-10/25):</u> General Fund: \$4,190.43; Debt Reduction: \$230; Mission of the Month: \$180;

Staff

Senior Pastor Dan Overbo Associate Pastor Laura Overbo Welcoming & Caring Ministries Twila Schmitt **Director of Faith Formation** Philip Lickei Business Manager Jodi Spilde **Business Administrative Assistant** Megan Thyen Preschool Nikki Landmark, Director/Teacher Wendy Kruger, Paraprofessional & Faith Formation Assistant Sound & Technology Zach Stanton Custodian Roman Gainor

NOVEMBER 3, 2024 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Our hope and strength is in God.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	John 11:32-44	Jesus raises Lazarus
Monday	Isaiah 25:6-9	The Lord has delivered
Tuesday	Revelation 21:1-6a	A new heaven and earth
Wednesday	Titus 2:11-15	Teach sound doctrine
Thursday	2 Corinthians 3:12-18	Ministers of the new covenant
Friday	Colossians 1:24-29	Paul's service to the church
Saturday	Psalm 24	Entrance into the temple
Sunday	Mark 12:38-44	The widow's generous offering

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

And he [God] will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all people, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Isaiah 25:7 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty and everlasting God, as we grieve those whom we have lost, we thank you that through Christ Jesus we see your glory and have hope in the resurrection. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, the earth is yours and all that is in it; for this meal we give you thanks for your care that knows no end through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God bless you with hope in Christ.



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NOVEMBER 3, 2024 HYMN OF THE WEEK For All the Saints

WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

• Who do you think about on All Saints Day? Think or tell a story about that person.

• What would you want to ask God about life after death?

DEVOTIONS

Read: John 11:32-44 and Psalm 24.

We do not know what death is like for ourselves. We do know that when we experience the death of a loved one, it leads us to grieve. Even Jesus grieved, was deeply moved, and *"greatly disturbed"* (John 11:33, 38) at the death of his friend Lazarus. As we face the death of loved ones on All Saints Sunday, we turn to and lean on the strength and promise of God. Amidst our deep sorrow, we look to our God in Jesus Christ, the one whom death could not conquer. During the remembrance of All Saints, Psalm 24 allows us to praise God for God's victory. Our grief is comforted by God's power over death and the painful separation from those deceased. Our hope and strength—and that of loved ones whose lives we remember—is in the King of glory, the Lord, *"strong and mighty"* (Psalm 24:8). Our faith in Christ comforts us to know that we have the God who grieves with us and who gives us victory over death. *Discuss:* What gives you comfort and strength as you grieve the death of a loved one?

Pray: God of glory and might, help us to remember loved ones who have died with hope and comfort through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord who reigns with you now and always. Amen.

SERVICE 🌽

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you reach out to someone who is grieving the loss of a loved one?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

All Saint's Day is the day after All Hallows' Eve (Halloween). It is when we remember our loved ones who have died and all the saints and martyrs throughout Christian history. One tradition on this day is to light a candle for those who have died. Consider placing a picture of those you remember on this day next to a candle. Think or tell stories about loved ones.

Light the candle and pray: Lord God, thank you for the hope of eternal life and the life of (name/s). Help us to live for you each day. Amen.

In addition to Taking Faith Home, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: www.milestonesministry.org

