

## Holy Apostles "Grapevine"

The Monthly Newsletter of Holy Apostles Episcopal Church

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### FROM THE DESKS OF PASTORS SHERYL AND CHRIS KESTER-BEYER

Dear Friends in Christ,

On Sunday, November 4th we gather to worship and celebrate All Saints Day. Technically All Saints Day falls on November 1st, but generally we celebrate it on the first Sunday in November.

So what is All Saints Day? It's the day we remember those who have died and now live with Christ forever and so during worship we take a moment to remember those from the congregation and our lives who are no longer with us and to give thanks for their faith and the power of God's resurrection.

But we also celebrate, not just those who have died, but the fact that we are all saints. As Christians we believe that a saint is simply a forgiven sinner, so that means that all of us are saints. Most of us would probably demure if someone called us a saint to our faces, because we tend to use the term saint to refer to someone who is perfect or really, really holy. But in truth, even the holiest of saints, was still just a forgiven sinner.

I've been reading a book recently entitled "In Search of Sacred Places" by Richard Taylor. It's the story of Richard's pilgrimage to the island of Iona which is the birth place of what is known as Celtic Spirituality. One of the saints of Iona is Saint Columba, but in his travels he comes across a native of that area who has some not so flattering things to say about this particular saint.

In reflecting on this experience Richard writes, "I like my saints to be scoundrels, or at least have the potential for it, because I know I am a scoundrel myself. The hope provided by the lives of saints comes not because they are unfallen but because being fallen does not prevent them from living faithful and powerful lives. A saint who never lost his temper or never had to overcome the desire to sleep through morning prayers can offer me little encouragement for my own imperfect life."

And so it is that we can indeed call ourselves saints, not because we are perfect, or even necessarily holy and surely not because we never lose our temper; but rather because we have been loved and forgiven by the only one who truly matters and that's what makes us saints!

So, as we take time to celebrate All Saints Sunday this month, let us pause and give thanks for those saints in our lives, who weren't perfect, but who none the less pointed the way to God for us. And then give thanks that in Christ you also are numbered among the saints.

From one forgiven sinner/saint to another,

Pastor Sheryl



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Sunday service: 10:30am  
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**Mitchell Ministerial**

**Association Food Pantry**

The Food Pantry is asking for the following donation item(s):

**November- canned soup**

Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

Pantry coordinators:

Susan Weitzel-(308)623-2684 or

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**Backpack Program**

The Backpack Program is asking for the

Following donation item(s):

**Breakfast Food Bars**

**Annual Council**

The Diocese of Nebraska's Annual Council just wrapped up this weekend.

It was held in the Gering Civic Center with festivities starting on Thursday evening.

Former NU head coach, Tom Osborne was the key-note speaker on Friday.

Pastors Chris and Sheryl, Steve Johnson represented Holy Apostles while Marilyn Johnson, Nick and Katy Sakurada were guests.

**Thanksgiving Reminders**

Just a note letting you know that Holy Apostles will be hosting this year's Thanksgiving meal on Thanksgiving Day. Please look for more information in upcoming Sunday bulletins and future e-mails.

Also, Pastor Chris will be preaching at the Ministerial Thanksgiving Worship November 18, at 7:00 pm, at the Federated Church. Attendees are invited to provide finger foods for some fellowship following the service.

**Fifth Wednesday**

Thanks to all who came out to help us celebrate our Fifth Wednesday Community Meal (even if it was on the 4th Wednesday)!

There was lots of delicious soup, some very fun trunks and fantastic company.

**FYI- Names and Contact Information**

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## October Sunday Service Assignments

Dates	Lector/Server	Acolytes	Ushers	Gifts	Coffee
10/28	LeAnn/Jenny	Matthew & Clancy	Steve & Nick	Nick & Katy	LeAnn & Nancy
11/4	Andee/Sister E-S	Bill R	LeAnn & Milo	Nancy & LeAnn	Andee & Jenny
11/11	Steph/Maryruth	Mary & Merrill	the Raneys	Pete	Pete & Nancy
11/18	Marilyn/Jenny	Matthew & Clancy	Nick & Steve	Nikki	Deb
11//25	Sylvia/Sister E-S	Bill R	Deb & Atley	Sharon	Chris & Stephanie
12/2	Deb/Maryruth	Mary & Atley	Cannons	Nick & Katy	Steve & Sylvia

October Altar: Margaret Fiegel & Nikki Rose

October Coffee Hour snacks provider: Marilyn Johnson

## November Birthdays and Anniversaries

### Birthdays:

Nov 8	Matt Nation	Nov 10	Pete Okamoto	Nov 12	Pat Miyahara
Nov 8	Mary Newman	Nov 11	Lucca Albaugh	Nov 19	Jordon Knaub
Nov 9	Matthew Dolberg				

### Anniversaries:

Nov 22 Jim & Colleen Elliott

## Reminders

It's hard to believe, but next week we will be into November and the holiday season will be just around the corner. After a weekend with temperatures in the 70's, I am having a difficult time wrapping my head around that! This is just a quick reminder to be watching for future announcements about our seasonal traditions that will be happening very soon. The Poinsettia donation can will probably show up sometime within this month and of course this year Holy Apostles will host our joint Thanksgiving Day feast (and I do mean FEAST) that we alternate hosting with St. Francis. Please watch for more information in the bulleting or e-mails.

## November Altar Flowers

**Given by:**

**In memory of:**

As of publication, there were no flower dedications for November.

*Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.*

Romans 12:2

<b>November 2018</b>						
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
				<b>1</b> ECW meeting 1:00 pm	<b>2</b> Group Reunion@ Penny's 7 am	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> ALL SAINTS 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Service	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Group Reunion@ Penny's 7 am	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Service	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Group Reunion @ Penny's 7 am	<b>17</b>
<b>18*</b> 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Service  7:00 pm Thanksgiving Worship @ Federated Church	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>  Thanksgiving Meal in Beecher Hall	<b>23</b> Group Reunion @ Penny's 7 am	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Service	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Group Reunion @ Penny's 7 am	<b>1</b>

\*As third Sunday, November 18 will be the Pastors' Discretionary Fund offering date. Any cash in offering plate will go to this fund.

There are Confirmation Classes every Wednesday at Calvary Lutheran at 6:00 pm.