



NuHu Weekly

The New Humanity
Blog & News

November 2, 2023

BLOG: ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

This Sunday is All Saints Sunday. The introduction to the day, from our worship resource *Sundays and Seasons*, says the following:

“All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord’s table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.”

There are two aspects that I think are important. The first, is about you. Yes, it is about you and your sainthood. Martin Luther recognized that each of us holds the capacity for both good and bad. We occupy the space of simultaneously being saint and sinner. While we strive to live more like Jesus each day, our human condition causes us to fall short. Often, we find ourselves falling very short. And while we are reminded in our Confession that we are forgiven and loved by God, we must also remember that our capacity to be both sinner and saint is an everyday struggle.

There are two things to remember. First, you are enough. Second, remember what we said to our Confirmands this past Sunday...God loves you.

The second aspect of this important day is the remembrance of those saints that have left our earthly existence and joined the great cloud of witnesses joining hands with the Communion of Saints. Often times All Saints Sunday is a moment for us to pause and remember those loved ones that now rest with the saints in the glory of God. Remembering our departed friends and family is an important place in our grief, our loss, and our memory. That is why we have a book of remembrance where we write the names we want spoken publicly during the prayers. That is why we have a table of candles that we are invited to light in memory of our loved ones.

In whatever way you remember your departed saint, please think of their life and all that you have shared. Take a moment and think of all those memories you cherish. Our hope lies in our reunion when we join that communion and in the glorious resurrection secured for us by Jesus.

As our hymn goes:

“For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who Thee by faith before the world confessed;
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia, Alleluia!”

Pr. Jason

FORUM@ THIS SUNDAY:

This Land is ??’s Land

This is a preliminary discussion about Indigenous and Tribal Relations in the ELCA and Land Acknowledgments. This will be a group conversation that will give us the space to ask questions and make a plan to move forward with some ideas brought up by other groups and individuals at St. Luke concerning Native and Indigenous Peoples and the land in which we find our church.



Oak Avenue Paving: the temporary layer has been completed in the block in front of the church! Further uphill remains as it was, as of today.

SUNDAY SERVERS: Thanks to those serving this Sunday: Assisting Minister Jeff Snedeker, readers Lucy Park-Hookway and Louise McGee, ushers Neil Mattson and Janelle Alvstad-Mattson.

CALENDAR

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8:00 pm Nightsong/Compline at First Baptist

Also on the [Youtube Channel](#).

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All Saints Sunday

Remembering those in our book of remembrance as well as all the saints of the church.

Forum@ after the service.

Tuesday,

12:15 pm Bible Study

Discussing the Sunday readings past and future.

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Sunday,
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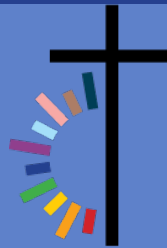
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The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Church School after the service.

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Touch

Sunday 10:00 am
Service of Holy Communion

St. Luke is a [Reconciling in Christ Congregation](#) of the [ELCA](#). As a Reconciling in Christ Congregation, the people of St. Luke Lutheran Church are called by God to be a community of Christians, a part of the body of Christ. Because we believe we are one in God's eyes, we welcome the mix of ages, races, gender identities, physical and mental capabilities, and sexual orientations with which God's children are blessed. Everyone is invited to share in God's grace. We rejoice in the knowledge that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus--not our wealth, nor our poverty, nor our nationality, nor our political convictions, nor whom we love, nor anything else in all creation. We are called to follow God's mission of reconciliation and justice with all humanity, and we celebrate our journey of discipleship with a special appreciation for the privileged responsibility of our campus related ministry.

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