



Midweek Message

ALL SAINTS DAY

Sunday, November 7th at 9:30 a.m. In-person and Livestream Worship
Join us as we listen to the sound of the Bell Banner, celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead, and then conclude our worship service in the Atonement Memorial Garden. During the prayers, we will lift up the life and witness of the saints who now rest from their labors, and share in everlasting glory with Christ. *Yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

DON'T FORGET TO SET YOUR CLOCK

Turn your clocks back one hour on Saturday night, November 6th when Daylight Savings Time ends.



COLLEGE CONNECTION

Perhaps you remember being at college, away from home, pulling “all-nighters” during exam time, and having a serious case of the “munchies.” It’s something that all college students experience! Atonement has 7 students attending college, and we also have a connection with the RIT Lutheran Campus Ministry program directed by Pastor Craig Swanson. In previous years, we prepared and shared a Sunday evening meal with the RIT students; however that activity is “on hold” due to the pandemic. So, what can we do?

Let’s remind all these students that we are thinking about them by sending some goodies to help get them through those long study sessions. Here are some ideas of items we’d like to collect (all items must be **individually packaged/wrapped**): fruit cups, applesauce, protein bars, nuts, trail mix, peanut butter or cheese-filled crackers, granola bars, snack-size bags of popcorn, cheeze-its, pretzels, etc., packets of hot chocolate mix, leftover Halloween candy.



We will begin collecting this Sunday, Nov. 7th and end on Nov. 21st. We will distribute and send packages soon after the 21st. Thank you for your participation and donations.

Beginning this Sunday, there will be a box outside the Sanctuary (East) entrance where you can leave donations.



Atonement Lutheran Church

All Are Welcome

*In-person worship in our Sanctuary,
or Livestream worship via our
Atonement Facebook page.*

Join us for music and hymns,
scripture, a sermon, prayers,
and a Children’s Moment.

*You can follow us on Sunday
mornings at 9:30 a.m. and for special
services by going to our Atonement
Facebook page at [fb.com/
atonementlutheranchurch/](https://fb.com/atonementlutheranchurch/)*

A worship bulletin and hymns
will be Emailed to our
Atonement families, and
posted weekly on our web site.

Life

With the Saints

With angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we rejoice that death is finished, that love prevails, that Christ has led the way. May we then go forward, eager to meet him; and after our life on earth, be reunited with our brothers and sisters, where every tear will be wiped away...

ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

Stewardship is... a way of life, and a way of discipleship, that leads us to become more grateful, more thankful, more generous, more loving, and more hopeful people.

We ask that you consider a timely and generous gift for this year's Stewardship Drive. Pledge cards will be mailed this week to our Atonement family; extra pledge cards are available in the narthex. **Please return your completed pledge card to the church office Today.** Thank you... as we lift up our living, and our giving, to God.

B & B BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday, November 10th at 11:00 a.m. in Reissig Hall

Let's re-connect with God's Word, and each other! Bring a Bible and a beverage and join Pastor Gail for an informal Bible study.

Topic: 'Thanks and Gratitude'

SPECIAL THANKS FROM CATHOLIC FAMILY CENTER

"Thank you for all your generosity in helping us welcome Afghan refugees to Rochester! Over the last month, we have received an immense amount of needed donations from our community. The kindness of those who opened their hearts for the arriving refugees is heartwarming, and we can't thank you enough.

Our gratitude for all you do to help our clients walk their journeys with hope."

CLICK ON OUR MUSIC LINKS!

"Next to the Word of God, Music Deserves the Highest Praise"

For All the Saints "For All the Saints" is universally sung on All Saints' Sunday. The tune is one Ralph Vaughan Williams wrote for the English Hymnal – its name is "Sine Nomine," which means "without a name." The song is almost always done as a barn-burning opening or closing hymn, but I ran across this lovely, simple version, and thought you might like listening to it while remembering saints who have gone before us.

Air (Bach) Sometimes it's hard to pair normal instruments with organ, since it has such an odd sound, having evolved away from the orchestra for very different purposes. But here's a successful match of trombone with organ, doing the evergreen "Air" by Johann Sebastian Bach. The duo lives in Vienna and performs together frequently. Despite appearances, Peter Steiner is from Italy and Constanze Hochwartner is from Austria.

GREEN TIP

Tuesday, November 16th at 6:30 p.m. at Brighton Library or on Zoom: Al Hibner presents options for electric heating, cooling, and hot water using air-source or geothermal. Learn about incentives, rebates, and how to obtain a free energy assessment. Register with Deena Viviani at (585) 784-5300 or at deena.viviani@libraryweb.org

THIS IS OUR INHERITANCE

By Pastor Gail Swanson

What have you inherited in your life? Money? Property? Aunt Jenny's china place settings for 12?

What else have you inherited from your family tree? The color of your eyes? The wave in your hair? A need for glasses? Your height? (It should come as no surprise to learn that my parents are not five feet tall.)

What else has been passed on from one generation to the next in your family? Athletic ability? A mathematical mind? Musical talent? Your sense of humor?

As saints of God – forgiven, loved, healed and redeemed – what have we inherited, and what will we pass on, when it comes to matters of both life and death?

All Saints Sunday is a unique day, a time when we not only acknowledge death, but we place it in its proper context. A day when we can talk about death openly, without fear. A day when we worship the One who was given power over death, giving us the assurance that there is life for us on both sides of the grave. This is our inheritance.

A promise that our graves become doorways, and that in the light of Easter dawn, we can look death in the eye and not blink. This is our inheritance.

We live this All Saints Sunday in trust and hope of the day when our grave clothes will be exchanged for new clothes, as finally we rest from our labors. This is what God's saints have known and experienced – that there is no loss, no grief, no fear so deep that the voice of Jesus cannot reach and bring to life. This is our inheritance.

That's why we gather on this particular Sunday each year:

- To remember the saints
- To read their names
- The ring the bells
- To recall their witness

And in doing so, we receive and pass on to the saints of future generations the gift that we are instruments of Jesus' resurrection power here and now. So that whatever our wealth, our height, our math skills, or the color of our eyes – it is still Christ who holds us, who has gathered us to himself, and who has bound his fate with us forever.

This is our inheritance.

We do not want you to be unaware about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve like those who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-14

Come, my Lord!

By Madeline J'Fngle

Come, my Lord! Our darkness end!

Break the bonds of time and space.

All the power of evil rend

By the radiance of your face.

The laughing stars with joy attend:

Come, Lord Jesus! Be my end!



The Three Solas, colored by Barb Sanko

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Worship
 9:30 a.m. Sundays
 in our Sanctuary

Livestream Worship
 9:30 a.m. Sundays via the
 Atonement Facebook page.

Church Office Hours
 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
 Tuesday
 Wednesday
 Thursday

- ³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake,
 for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

-Matthew 5:3-10

KIDS' PAGE

All Saints Day is November 1st. We celebrate that day if it is a Sunday, or the first Sunday after it. How do you celebrate All Saints' Day? Christians all over the world celebrate in different ways. In the United States, we ring bells at church or light candles. In Portugal, children go door-to-door for candy (like Halloween) on All Saint's Day. In Europe, flowers or candles are placed on graves. In the Philippines and France, people restore and repaint tombs of their loved ones. A popular food to serve for All Saints Day is [Soul Cakes](#) (click on the link, then scroll down for the recipe!) There are many ways to remember and honor the people we love, and those that have died.

What is a Saint?

In order to learn how a saint can be described, crack the code for this sentence.

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