

St. John's Fridge Page

Place this on your fridge for the month as inspiration for your continuing Christian Education

November

Change is a challenge. Change is necessary. Change is coming.

Change has happened before.

In this season of change, (political, climate, church leadership, economic) we are called to remember our roots and to return to the basics as a way to firmly plant our feet and provide strength for our neighbors. We love our neighbors, treat others as we want to be treated, care for those who cannot care for themselves, share what we have and share God's love. These simple Christian foundations we model for our children, our friends and even those we disagree with, as disciples. Will change leave us confused? Most certainly! Might it anger, scare or stress us? Possibly. When I was young, I worked in the restaurant world, for a local restaurateur who gave me some of the best life advice I have ever received. I was not very good at waiting on tables, and got easily flustered, allowing the momentum of the customer, my fellow servers, the kitchen, even the music playing to push me beyond what I could handle. My mentor, the restaurateur, sat me down and said simply, "Katie, when everything is telling you to speed up, that is when you have to slow things down. Don't be afraid to put on the breaks and think things through. You will actually make fewer mistakes that way, even though it is counter-intuitive." I took his advice to heart, and have applied it across many parts of my life. Never has it come in more handy than in this season of change. When I take the time to slow down, and think things through, it allows me to focus on what is really important, and make decisions based on that, not on my fears or frustrations. To use a Reformation reference, I'm pretty sure Martin Luther thought through his 95 thesis for a while before nailing them on the door in Wittenberg. If he has reacted too quickly, and without thought, we may have never had a Reformation to celebrate! Let's use this autumn as a time for reflection, for introspection, and enter into the Advent season as loving neighbors and disciples of Jesus Christ.

In his Peace, Ms. Katie

Join us in the Village this Month following worship in Memorial Hall.

This is your place to experience Bible Based Christian Education with your Community.

November 6th- All Saints Sunday/Soup & Spuds Fundraiser

Gospel: Luke 20:27-38

November 13th- Congregational Meeting (childcare provided)

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

November 20th—Christ the King

Gospel: Luke 23:33-43

November 27th—First Sunday of Advent

Gospel: Matthew 24:26-44

Don't forget to use these lessons for your family's faith 5 time each night. Want to know more? Ask Katie.Rode@StJohnsSA.org



FAITH

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The season of Thanksgiving is rich with opportunity to do God's work. Consider volunteering as a family one day during the week of Thanksgiving. Visit the United Way website for local opportunities. Create a thankful tree in your home, and have everyone add a colorful note or ribbon each day with something they are thankful for. By Thanksgiving Day you will have a beautiful centerpiece of thankfulness to share with your visitors. Read *Stone Soup* as a family and discuss how we all have plenty to share. Enjoy your time with relatives and loved ones this month as we begin a new liturgical year.



Take it Further



Use these ideas to enhance your understanding of the monthly themes. More ideas can be found on our church Pinterest and Facebook accounts. Join the conversation group @Home with St. John's on Facebook.

November 6th we celebrate All Saints Sunday.

Dia de los Muertos is celebrated with colorful joy (see photo) remembering beloved relatives who have passed.

We invite everyone to bring photos and memories of their loved ones who have passed, on November 6th as we will be commemorating their lives in The Village. For more Dia de los Muertos ideas see our Pinterest page

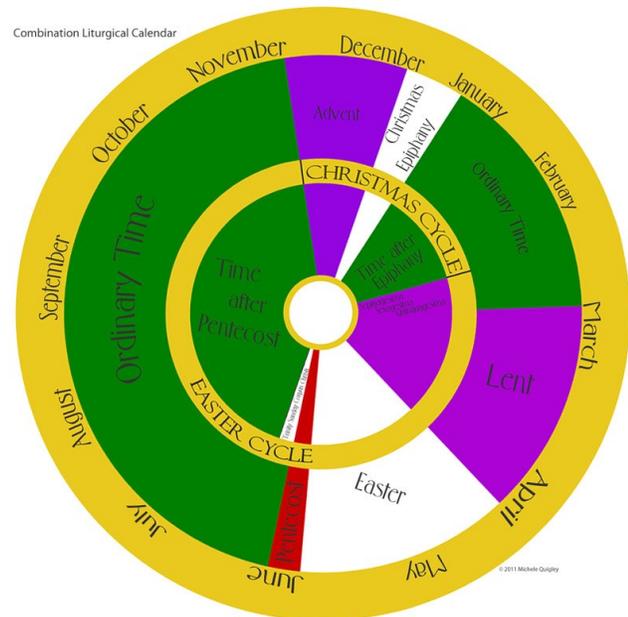


Fall Meeting

November 13th The Village time will be our fall congregational meeting. This meeting is open to all confirmed members, and is a great opportunity to participate in church stewardship. Childcare will be provided for young children in the nursery, and the playground is available for older children.

November 20th we celebrate Christ the King Sunday and our Gospel is the crucifixion of Jesus. This is the last Sunday in the liturgical year and we will explore the liturgical calendar in The Village.

November 27th is the first Sunday in Advent, and our lesson is to be ready, the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour. We will be making Advent wreaths and learning about the meaning of Advent in The Village





This month St. John's Youth Group will host the meal following worship on November 6th as a Soup and Spuds fundraiser. They will serve soup and baked potatoes for a donation and all proceeds go to the Youth activities fund. Bring a friend and/or order an extra lunch "to-go" to help support our youth ministries. The youth will also join our mentor volunteers this month in their trip to The Strong Foundation.



Calling all Mentors!

Are you a loving Christian adult, who cares about the next generation?

Do you know how to give hugs and high fives?

Are you joining us at least once a month for worship? If you answered "YES" to these questions, we have a job for you!!

The Family Ministry Team is looking for 20 volunteers to mentor our younger generations during The Village on Sunday mornings. Choose your title, Mamaw, Papaw, Opa, Oma, GiGi, Aunt, Uncle and Ms. Katie will make you a nametag and sign you up for orientation.