

Memories ... spirits ... 57 years of "love-bucket-ness" @#!
ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH "Oasis of Joy" USA

November 4, 2018

**"The spirits dance" this morning ... as we worship and remember.
We hope you experience a bit of joy and peace,
worshipping with us today. God bless, and welcome!**

We certainly enjoy having kids in church. When they get a little goofy and restless, we ask you please to respect the sanctity of our worship experience and the comfort of your neighbor. We have a fine nursery for kids age 5 and under. Our highly paid and intensely Lutheran staff is always anxious to care for your kids. Please accompany your son/daughter to the nursery and introduce yourself to the attendants. Some fine "all souls day" coffee awaits you in Charter Hall. (What does that mean??)

welcome ... please --- a kind word or two would be nice!!

OPENING PRAYER

I don't know what else to do, Lord.

The world beats me down ... sometimes. I get tired of trying. I find myself turning the other way ... and I can get less hopeful, more cynical. And then ... there is a moment. Small. Very ordinary. Not really life-changing or magic. Just a moment ... when my faith is renewed. My soul is lifted-up. And I see:

THE HUMBLE POWER OF KINDNESS.

I hear the words: "random act of kindness." And I'm reminded:
this is what life is all about.

The nod is aisle 3. Holding the door. Cash in an envelop.

Life- changing? ... maybe so.

A "saint" who believes in me. The stranger on a jogging path.

Your spirit, Lord ... in all kinds of places.

Wow. Amen.

call to worship: choir ---- "with our voices" 11:00

remembering the saints

opening song: "For all the saints" 422 (vv. 1,2,3,4)

the liturgy ... page 147

"This is the feast" page 149

remembering the saints

Gospel reading ... "You raise me up!!" ---- John 11. 32-44

"will my younger friends come forward?"
no such thing as left-overs ... just "saints" who love you!!

song

"I love to tell the story" 661

meditation

the creed ... page 105

remembering the saints

offering and offertory ... "holy, holy, holy" page 153

choir anthem: "with our voices" 8:30

prayers and sharing the Lord's Supper

"Lamb of God" page 154

Communion songs (spirit): 83, 85, 90, 92, "alleluia"

remembering the saints

closing song

"For all the saints" 422 (vv. 1,5,6,7)

benediction and three-fold "amen"

We have beautiful altar flowers this morning ...

from Laimdota Ansmits, in loving memory of her husband Adolf ... who died 4 years ago today ... after a long and courageous journey with ALS. Sunflowers are the official flowers of the ALS community. God bless you ... Adlof and family.

The eternal light shines brightly today ...

in thanksgiving for the moment when Denis' and Tom's journeys met ... and their lives will never be the same.

*Monday: funeral service for Jean Wirth, 11:00

*Tuesday: Stitch and Sew, 6:30

Bible Study, 7:00 (theme: CARING)

*Thursday: Evening worship, 7:30 ---- join us for these informal, spiritual moments ... we share the Lord's Supper.

THE WINTER WORKSHOIP at Melka's Garden Center is Wednesday, November 14. Plenty of room ... just need a \$10 deposit. With lots of help ... you create a beautiful holiday arrangement.

THANKSGIVING DAY, November 22, we have worship at 10:00, followed by a dinner in Charter Hall for our friends at St. Coletta's.

If you would like to donate food for our feast ... please sign-up in the narthex. We appreciate your generosity.

OUR ANNUAL ARTISTS' FAIRE is Thursday, December 6 and Sunday, December 9. Very informal ... before and after worship. Please fill out a registration form, if you would like to participate. This is for items personally made by you.

LOOKING AHEAD TO ADVENT SUPPERS Thursdays:
December 6, 13, 20 ... 6:30, before evening worship.