

Grace Notes



November 2025

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A Word from Our Priest

My brothers and sisters,

I bring you greetings in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Sunday, November 2nd, is All Saint's Sunday. On this day we remember those saints who have entered the Church Triumphant and we also celebrate the lives of our loved ones who now rest in the arms of our Lord. We do not deny the pain and sorrow of the loss of our loved ones. We do embrace each other in love and comfort as God continues to comfort, love, and embrace all of us.

All Saint's Sunday is a joint celebration with St. Luke's and this year will be held at St. Luke's in Remington starting 10:00 AM. It is to be noted that daylight savings time ends Sunday November 2nd as well.

Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting. Amen (BCP 481)

***Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord:
And let light perpetual shine upon them***

We remember in our American history that people coming from England arrived here at the end of the growing season. Proper shelter, illness, and the lack of food led to a significant number of deaths. It was the indigenous people (the Wampanoag Nation) of this country that demonstrated to these newcomers how to construct proper shelter and to grow foods that would provide sustenance for them. This was so successful that in Plymouth, Massachusetts in the year 1621 the first Thanksgiving feast in America was held. Everyone was invited, and all participated at the table. This was a harvest festival in which they gave thanks to God. It is now a major national holiday.

I find an interesting correlation between the national holiday of Thanksgiving and Holy Communion or Eucharist. In fact, *Eucharist* is a Greek word which can be translated as "thanksgiving". I believe this is the real Thanksgiving. We, like the early newcomers, are subject to death because of sin. However, just as the newcomers received aid in how to live in the New World, we are given that aid by God. It is God who sent his Son to die for all of us and it is this act of love that provides for us a means to live eternally.

For this reason, the real harvest for me is the Word and receiving the Sacraments. This is a foretaste of the feast to come, the real thanksgiving. So let us celebrate the good harvest in both contexts and remember that it is even better when we share this good harvest with others.

The peace of the Lord is always with us,

Fr. Michael B. Guy Sr., S.T.S.✠

November Calendar of Events



- Nov 2 Sunday Service, 10am St. Luke's
All Saints Sunday – Clock change!
- Nov 4 Bible Study, 1pm Betsy Anderson's
Chair Yoga at 2pm, the Parish Hall
Yoga at 3pm, the Parish Hall
- Nov 5 Center Lunch 12 noon, the Parish Hall
- Nov 7 Yoga at 10am, the Parish Hall
Chair Yoga at 11:45am
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- Nov 9 Sunday Service, 9am at Grace
- Nov 11 Bible Study, 1pm, at Betsy Anderson's  
Chair Yoga at 2pm, the Parish Hall  
Yoga at 3pm, the Parish Hall
- Nov 12 Center Lunch 12 noon, the Parish Hall
- Nov 14 Yoga at 10am, the Parish Hall  
Chair Yoga at 11:45am
- Nov 15 Sew What? 9:30am, St. Luke's  
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- Nov 16 Sunday Service 10am, St. Luke's
- Nov 18 Chair Yoga at 2pm, the Parish Hall
Yoga at 3pm, the Parish Hall
- Nov 19 Center Lunch at 12pm, the Parish Hall
- Nov 21 Yoga at 10am, the Parish Hall
Chair Yoga at 11:45am
- Nov 16 Sunday Service at 10am, St. Luke's
Visiting Bishop Ted Gulick's presiding
- Nov 25 Bible Study at 1pm Betsy Anderson's
Chair Yoga at 2pm, the Parish Hall
Yoga at 3pm, the Parish Hall
- Nov 28 Yoga at 10am, the Parish Hall
Chair Yoga at 11:45am
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- Nov 30 Sunday Service at 9am, Grace  
Xmas Tree Lighting at 5pm, the Parish Hall

### Mark Your Calendars Now!

*Annual Xmas Tree Lighting  
On Casanova Green*

*Refreshments, Caroling  
and a Visit from Santa  
afterward at the Parish Hall*



**Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>  
at 5 pm**

*Meet at Grace Parish Hall  
Casanova*

### Important Calendar Notes:

All Saints Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> will be joint service for both Grace and St. Luke's at St. Luke's in Remington. The time is 10:00am. This also happens to coincide with the change from daylight savings time to standard time. Set your clocks back an hour!



November 16<sup>th</sup> will also be a joint service at St. Luke's for the annual Bishop's visit. This year Bishop Ted Gulick is the designee. Service is at 10:00am.

### Birthdays and Anniversaries

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|-----------------|--------|
| Paul Dawson     | 5 Nov  |
| Bryan Jacobs    | 7 Nov  |
| Susan Payne     | 13 Nov |
| Jim Cirillo     | 18 Nov |
| Rob Moline      | 21 Nov |
| Janice Richards | 26 Nov |



## VOTE

Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>  
It's Your Right & Responsibility

## Treasurer's Report: September

Income in the month of September was \$7,170.66 (budget \$9,709.92); expenditures totaled \$7,323.39 (budget \$9,709.92), resulting in a loss for the month of \$152.73.

Book value of the Endowment Fund at the end of September was \$73,059.87; market value as of September 30 was \$90,356.13, a gain of \$1,984.36 for the month.

Please continue to pray for Grace Church that it will grow spiritually, financially and numerically. If you have any questions about this report or any financial matter, please contact me.

*Judy Ball*, Treasurer

## Fall Soup Kitchen: Success !



Hustling and bustling, the soup kitchen team once again delivered, literally. Thanks to everyone who stirred their pots to provide tasty homemade soup and those that baked mouth watering corn bread muffins and sweet desserts. As usual, Mignonne added a zing of color with her mini-bouquets – always a lovely finishing touch! Additionally, an extra thanks to those who provided 'uber service' for these care packages. We often say, "It takes a village!" but indeed this is proof that it does.

## Sew What?

Sew What? will meet on November 15th at St Luke's in Remington from 9:30am until noon-ish. Bring your quilt or embroidery or knitting or any other project you may have. This is a great opportunity cross the finish line on those delayed "Gotta get 'er done by Christmas" creations. For more info, please contact Barbara Jacobs: 540 222-5385



## Change in Yoga Schedule

With the shortening of daylight hours, the Tuesday afternoon yoga sessions are reverting to a winter schedule. As of November 4<sup>th</sup>, chair yoga will start at 2:00pm with regular yoga commencing at 3:00pm. The Friday classes will remain the same, i.e. 10:00am for regular yoga followed by chair yoga at 11:45am.

Any questions, please contact Mary Ashton: 540 229-0114.



## November Serving Schedule

| Day                                                             | Readings                                                                                 | Altar                                          | Assistant    | Offertory      | Coffee Host    |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| <i>The Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost<br/>Nov 2, 2025</i>  | Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9<br>Psalm 130<br>1 Thessalonians 4:13-18<br>John 5:24-27          | N/A<br>Joint Service<br>St. Luke's<br>10:00 am | N/A          | N/A            | N/A            |
| <i>The Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost<br/>Nov 9, 2025</i> | Haggai 1:15-2:9<br>Psalm 145:1-5, 18-22<br>2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17<br>Luke 20:27-38 | Barbara Jacobs/<br>Diane Gulick                | Bryan Jacobs | Sue Ballantine | Barbara Eanes  |
| <i>The Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost<br/>Nov 16, 2025</i> | Isaiah 65:17-25<br>Canticle 9<br>2 Thessalonians 3:6-13<br>Luke 21:5-19                  | N/A<br>Joint Service<br>St. Luke's<br>10:00 am | N/A          | N/A            | N/A            |
| <i>The Last Sunday After Pentecost<br/>Nov 23, 2025</i>         | Jeremiah 23:1-6<br>Canticle 4<br>Colossians 1:11-20<br>Luke 23:33-43                     | Joy Goodenough/<br>Mignonne Spellmeyer         | Judy Ball    | Joy Goodenough | Sue Ballantine |
| <i>The First Sunday of Advent<br/>Nov 30, 2025</i>              | Isaiah 2:1-5<br>Psalm 122<br>Romans 13:11-14<br>Matthew 24:36-44                         | Barbara Jacobs<br>Sharon Sweeney               | Bryan Jacobs | Susan Payne    | Sharon Sweeney |