



Leap of Faith

NOVEMBER 2020



What We Can Learn From a Flock of Geese

You have probably heard someone call another person who has done something foolish, "A silly goose!" Well, I can tell you that geese are not silly! We can learn a lot from the goose. I am sure that most of you probably know that when geese fly, they fly in a "V" formation. Have you wondered why they do that?

Recent scientific studies have given us the answer. It has been learned that as each goose flaps its wings, it gives a lift to the one immediately following. It has been determined that flying this way gives the geese about 70% more flying range.

That means that the lead goose is working harder. When the lead goose gets tired, it falls back into the formation and another takes his place. Now, that's team work!

If you have ever seen a flock of geese flying, you have also noticed that all the time they are flying, the geese are "honking." They do this to encourage one another. It is always easier to do something difficult when you know you aren't flying alone.

Sometimes, a goose becomes sick or is injured and falls to the ground. When that happens, two other geese go down and stay with it until it is well. If it dies, they join another formation and continue on their journey.

It sounds to me like geese are pretty smart! They can teach us a thing or two. We could learn that it is important for all church members to share the responsibility within the church rather than letting the same loyal ones work until they drop!

We could learn that it is important to "honk" encouragement to other workers in the church.

We could learn that it is important for us to look after those who are sick or in need. There is a lot that we can learn from the goose, isn't there?

Dear Jesus, help us to use the gifts that you have given us to serve and encourage others. Amen.

Mary Ellen Harris

IMPORTANT DATES FOR NOVEMBER

- 01 – All Saint's Day
- 01 – Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 02 – All Soul's Day
- 03 – Election Day
- 11 – Veteran's Day
- 13 – World Kindness Day
- 17 – World Peace Day
- 26 – Thanksgiving Day
- 29 – First Sunday of Advent

CONSISTORY MEMBERS

Mary Ellen Harris (Pres)	Jean Quillin
George Adamson (Treas)	Edward Quillin
Dennis Harris	Kelly Harris (Sec)
Courtney Papa	
Wayne Knudson (VP)	



"CHANGE FOR OTHERS"



Change for Others" is our program where we collect spare change and donate it to different charities. We change charities every quarter. St. John's then matches the amount collected. We have suspended Change for others till we have in person worship service.

CONSISTORY MEETING – Will be November 4th at 6PM. Please contact Mary Ellen Harris for more details

FOOD FOR FOLKS

Ongoing Food Pantry Needs For Church Community Services

Church Community Services is running low on Pasta, Rice, boxed potatoes and crackers.



Feeding the Community

NOVEMBER WORSHIP LEADERS

- November 01** Laura Doty, Pastor
Liturgist –Mary Ellen Harris
- 08** Laura Doty, Pastor
Liturgist – TBD
- 15** Jamelle Godlewski,
Liturgist – TBD
- 22** Laura Doty, Pastor
Liturgist – TBD
- 29** Angi Lightner,
Liturgist - TBD

Thank you to everyone for helping out!

Happy Thanksgiving!

"...in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."
1 Thessalonians 5:18, NKJV



*Daylight Savings time ends Sunday
November 1st 2020*

VETERANS DAY!



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!

Season after Pentecost Year A	First* reading and Psalm	Alternate* First reading and Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
<u>Proper 26 (31)</u> Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost November 1, 2020 <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	Joshua 3:7-17 Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37	Micah 3:5-12 Psalm 43	1 Thessalonians 2:9-13	Matthew 23:1-12
<u>All Saints Day</u> November 1, 2020 <i>(Sometimes observed on first Sunday in November)</i> <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	Revelation 7:9-17 Psalm 34:1-10, 22		1 John 3:1-3	Matthew 5:1-12
<u>Proper 27 (32)</u> Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost November 8, 2020 <i>(If All Saints not observed on this day)</i> <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 Psalm 78:1-7	Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16 <i>or</i> Amos 5:18-24 Wisdom of Solomon 6:17-20 <i>or</i> Psalm 70	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	Matthew 25:1-13
<u>Proper 28 (33)</u> Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost November 15, 2020 <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	Judges 4:1-7 Psalm 123	Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18 Psalm 90:1-8, (9-11), 12	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11	Matthew 25:14-30
<u>Reign of Christ - Proper 29 (34)</u> Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost November 22, 2020 <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 Psalm 100	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 Psalm 95:1-7a	Ephesians 1:15-23	Matthew 25:31-46
<u>Thanksgiving Day, USA</u> November 26, 2020 <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	Deuteronomy 8:7-18 Psalm 65		2 Corinthians 9:6-15	Luke 17:11-19

Advent Year B	First reading	Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
<u>First Sunday of Advent</u> November 29, 2020 <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	Isaiah 64:1-9	Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19	1 Corinthians 1:3-9	Mark 13:24-37



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