

St. John/Norrone News

Newsletter - November 2026

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Scripture Lessons

November 1, 2026:

Revelation 7:9-17

1 John 3:1-3

Psalms 34:1-10, 22

Matthew 5:1-12

November 8, 2026:

Amos 5:18-24

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Psalms 70

Matthew 25:1-13

November 15, 2026:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Psalms 90:1-12

Matthew 25:14-30

November 22, 2026:

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Ephesians 1:15-23

Psalms 95:1-7a

Matthew 25:31-46

November 29, 2026:

Isaiah 64:1-9

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19

Mark 13:24-37

December 6, 2026:

Isaiah 40:1-11

2 Peter 3:8-15a

Psalms 85:1-2, 8-13

Mark 1:1-8

December 13, 2026:

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Psalms 126

John 1:6-8, 19-28

December 20, 2026:

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Romans 16:25-27

Psalms 89:1-4, 19-26

Luke 1:26-38

December 24, 2026:

Isaiah 9:2-7

Titus 2:11-14

Psalms 96

Luke 2:1-20

December 25, 2026:

Isaiah 62:6-12

Titus 3:4-7

Psalms 97

Luke 2:1-20

December 27, 2026:

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Galatians 4:4-7

Psalms 148

Luke 2:22-40

SERVICE OF THE WORD FOR HEALING

We have a little-known occasional service in our Lutheran tradition called the Service of the Word for Healing. When I led this service in the past, I heard people comment how incredibly personal and moving the service was for them. It is a service that is used quite rarely in our church, usually reserved for the more penitential seasons like Advent and Lent.

Often when we talk about healing, our minds tend to limit healing to a physical healing. In the church we might even have visions of T.V. evangelists touching a person's forehead and they miraculously stand up from their wheelchair or throw their crutches away and start walking. Now I want to be careful here. There is no doubt in my mind that God can in fact do that kind of healing. Miracles do indeed happen all the time. But God's healing goes far beyond just a physical healing.

I believe healing encompasses emotional, spiritual, psychological, and physical healing. When we bring these concerns before our God in prayer, God has the ability to bring about the kind of healing that is needed in our life.

During the Service of the Word for Healing, we will be invited to think about those things that are laying heavy upon our hearts, those things which we would seek help from God for and bring them and offer them to God and through the laying on of hands, prayer and anointing we are able to seek God's healing. During the service you will be invited to come forward and kneel or stand at the altar much like you do for Holy Communion. The difference will be that you will be invited to come forward as the spirit moves you. You will not be ushered forward. Once you receive the laying on of hands and anointing, you are invited to linger in prayer as long as you like before returning to your seat.

I encourage you to be a part of this service which will be held on the First Sunday in Advent, November 29th at Norrone.

God's peace,
Pastor Rick

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

“REMEMBERING”

*O God our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.*
(hymn #623 ELW)

The liturgical calendar, the calendar that guides the seasons of the church year, is sometimes overlooked by people today. We often get caught up in the routine and schedules of our lives that we seldom take a step back and to look at the bigger picture. We lose sight of the inter-connectedness of life. I think this is where our liturgical calendar can be of benefit and it can invite us to reflect on life in a different way.

We are now coming to the end of October, a time which some have called the month of ‘thanksgiving’. In addition to celebrating the Day of Thanksgiving itself, our liturgical calendar has invited us to think about the ways in which we are inextricably linked to creation. To recall the ways in which our God continues to provide for our needs and through the abundance that we have been blessed to receive, we are invited to share these gifts with those whom God has placed in our lives.

As we move into the month of November, we enter a time that has been referred to as the month of remembering. We begin to marking this time with the celebration of All Saints’ Sunday. All Saints’ Day always falls on November 1st and so we mark this day on the closest Sunday following November 1st. This is a time for us to remember all those people in our lives who have pointed us toward Christ. Those important people in our lives who have shown us what a life of faith is like and what the power of Christ can overcome. These ‘saints’ may have now gone on to receive their eternal rest but these ‘saints’ still be very active in our lives. We remember all of them and we give God thanks for bringing them into our lives.

November is probably most noticeably a time for us to remember all those men and women who gave the ultimate sacrifice that we might be blessed to live with the freedom we do live with in this amazing country we call Canada. Remembrance Day is a constant reminder of the best and worst of humanity. We remember and we honour those who have fought in all the wars on our behalf and we thank God. We also continue to remember all the service personnel who stand ready to protect and defend us yet today.

But that is not all. Our liturgical calendar ends the year with what we now call Christ the King Sunday. We remember amid these life events, that our God has promised to come again. Even though we live in what has been called the “already-not yet”, the time when Christ has already come to earth but has not yet brought the fulfillment of God’s kingdom, we trust that our God is a promise-keeping God. We remember and mark the time that Christ will indeed return one day to bring the new heaven and the new earth. That we will receive the eternal joy that has been promised to us. That we will celebrate in this place where there will be no more pain, no more sadness, no more tears. We remember that all our remembering will be brought together in the completion of the kingdom!

Our remembering honours all of God’s help in ages past.

Our remembering bears witness to God’s faithfulness in all that is to come.

Our remembering trusts that God will shelter us through all of life’s storms.

Our remembering helps us to believe in our eternal home!

God’s peace,
Pastor Rick

Worship Committee Report

Thank you to Brenda Small for leading the worship service on September 27, Krista Loydl on October 11 and James Hoffman on October 25. Well done and greatly appreciated!

Worship Leaders for the next couple months:

Oct 25 - James Hoffman – Reformation Sunday lay service. Wear red & white.

Nov 1 – Pastor Rick – All Saints Sunday communion service. Potluck lunch to follow. Bring a little extra for guests. Dessert provided.

Nov 8 – Jan Schulz - lay service

Nov 15 - Pastor Rick - Communion service

Nov 22 – Worship Team – lay service

Nov 29 – Pastor Rick – First Sunday of Advent
Service of Healing at Norrona 9:30 am

Dec 6 – Pastor Rick – Communion service

Dec 13 – Vicki Cornwell - lay service

Dec 20 - Pastor Rick - Communion service

Dec 24 – Pastor Rick – Christmas Eve Candlelight
Communion Service 7:00 pm

Dec 25 – Pastor Rick – Christmas Day Communion
Service 10:00 am at Norrona

Dec 27 – No service as Christmas Day is only two days prior

If you are interested in leading a lay service, please contact Brenda Small, Carol Schultz, or Pastor Rick.

The next Worship Committee meeting is Wednesday, November 4, at 9:30 am at St. John. Anyone is welcome to attend any of the meetings.

Rhonda de Hoop
Worship Committee Secretary

Monthly Charity

For the month of November, we will be accepting donations for the Shared Ministry Food Hampers. Please let us know if you have a suggestion for a charity.

Community Choir

Community Choir practices start Tuesday, November 3rd @ 1:30 p.m. at St. John Lutheran Church - everyone welcome!

St. John Lutheran Church

Monthly Financial Summary –
September 2026

Revenue

Total regular offering (includes for our church, CLWR, Benevolence, Kinasio and pre-authorized monthly giving)	7,605.30
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Total other revenue (e.g. rental property, donations, interest , etc.)	4,669.58
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Total revenue **\$12,274.88**

Expenses

Pastor Payroll (e.g. salary, benefits, EI, mileage, etc.)	5,652.14
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Missions (e.g. Benevolence, Sask. Synod, etc.) Fundraising	1,465.00
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Worship and services (e.g. Pulpit Supply, travel time, mileage, worship and office supplies, Organist, Secretary, Treasurer, Envelope, Secretary, etc.)	1,620.51
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Church properties (e.g. power, telephone, natural gas, bank service charges, line of credit, insurance, church maintenance, etc.)	1,332.59
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Total expenses \$10,070.24

Net Income **\$ 2,204.64**

NOTE: If you would like a full report, please request it through **stjohntreasurer@sasktel.net**

Worship Service at the Last

Mountain Pioneer Home

Pastor Rick will be leading worship at the Last Mountain Pioneer Home on Wednesday mornings from 10:30 – 11:00 a.m. on the following days:

November 18th December 16th