

# LIVING WATER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## NOVEMBER PREACHING AND LITURGY-WRITING SCHEDULE

November 1 (All Saints Day) – Pastor Judy  
November 8 (23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost) – Pastor Bob  
November 15 (24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost) – Pastor Judy  
November 22 (Christ the King Sunday) – Pastor Bob  
November 29 (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent) – Pastor Judy

## OFFICE OF THE BISHOP OFFERING ALL SAINTS SUNDAY SERVICE (NOVEMBER 1)

The Office of the Bishop of the Virginia Synod is planning an All Saints Sunday service for **Sunday, November 1, at 7:00 PM**. The service will be available to view live on the [Virginia Synod Facebook page](#). (The service will be archived for later viewing as well.) Please save the date for this opportunity to worship together! To participate in the service, either click on the Facebook page link above, or cut and paste into your browser the following: <https://www.facebook.com/VASynodELCA>

## PLEASE HELP MARY SIMONOVICH UPDATE ARCHIVES

Mary Simonovich recently generously offered to examine and update Living Water's scrapbooks, written history, and other documents. She says that, in looking through the materials, she sees that history documentation stopped in 2015. As a result, she is seeking photos and any documents members feel should have been archived. Photos, Mary says, should include a description of the event, the estimated or actual date of the event, and identification of anyone in the photo. Please let her know if the photo, item, or document should be returned to you. In addition, Mary is trying to rebuild the document file, which includes the Annual Report and Trackers (Congregation and Council Actions.). Items may be sent to Mary electronically at [maryesimonovich@gmail.com](mailto:maryesimonovich@gmail.com) or mailed to her at 128 Prince Street, Unit 35, Tappahannock, VA 22560. Thank you for your help.



**Sharing Christ's Love  
through Prayer, Thanksgiving,  
Service, and Fellowship**

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## UPDATE ON 2021 PLEDGE CAMPAIGN

Financial Secretary Frank Richard reports that 2021 pledge request letters were mailed on September 20. The campaign ended on October 15. Twenty-eight letters were sent out; 14 pledges were returned. The pledges total \$52,146, which is \$5,298 less than was pledged for 2020 (\$57,444). Council is appreciative of the congregation's generosity.

## "50-40-10" CELEBRATIONS

In 2019 and 2020, the ELCA has been having "50-40-10" Celebrations. This celebration commemorates the 50th anniversary of ordaining Lutheran women, the 40th anniversary of ordaining Lutheran women of color, and the 10th anniversary of LGBTQ individuals being able to serve freely. Here's the timeline:

- On November 22, **1970**, the **first woman** to be ordained, **Rev. Elizabeth Platz**, was ordained in Maryland.
- On August 26, **1979**, the **first woman of color** to be ordained, **Rev. Earlean Miller**, was ordained in North Carolina.
- On August 21, **2009**, the Churchwide Assembly of the ELCA voted to allow the **ordination of gay and lesbian persons** to the ministry.

## MASKED LUTHERANS SIGHTED IN KILMARNOCK TOWN PARK



Living Water Lutherans eager to see each other face-to-face have gathered twice in Town Centre Park in Kilmarnock for conversation and catching up. Pictured here are those who came together on October 23: (left to right) Sarah Gill, Tom Wilhelmsen, Rosemarie Forcum, Janet Hooper, Claudia Holmes, Nancy Mower, Judy Baucom, and Therese Horwath. Cathy and Tom Heacock joined the group after the picture was taken.

## OUTREACH MINISTRY PLANNING AHEAD FOR CHRISTMAS OUTREACH

Outreach Ministry Chairperson Nancy Mower has begun planning for Living Water to "adopt" a family again for Christmas. This will make it possible for the members of the family to have personalized gifts. Details will be shared in the December newsletter, including any adaptations required by pandemic safety practices.