

Parish Notes

Luther's Seal

The seal on the front of our worship guide this morning, in recognition of Reformation Sunday, was designed by the reformer, Martin Luther, who, in a letter to Joseph Spengler in July, 1530, described his design in these terms:

The first symbol should be a black cross in a heart, which retains its natural color, so that I myself would be reminded that faith in the Crucified saves us. For one "who believes from the heart will be justified" (Rom. 10:10).

Although it is indeed a black cross, which mortifies and which should also cause pain, it leaves the heart in its natural color. It does not corrupt nature, that is, it does not kill but keeps alive. "The just shall live by faith" (Rom. 1:17) but by faith in the Crucified.

Such a heart should stand in the middle of a white rose, to show that faith gives joy, comfort, and peace. In other words, it places the believer into a white, joyous rose, for this faith does not give peace and joy like the world gives (John 14:27). That is why the rose should be white and not red, for

white is the color of the spirits and the angels (Matt. 28:3 John 20:12).

Such a rose should stand in a sky-blue field, symbolizing that such joy in spirit and faith is a beginning of the heavenly future joy, which begins already, but is grasped in hope, not yet revealed.

And around this field is a golden ring, symbolizing that such blessedness in Heaven lasts forever and has no end. Such blessedness is exquisite, beyond all joy and goods, just as gold is the most valuable, most precious and best metal.

Join us!

You are invited to join us for Family & Friends game night, **Saturday, November 2nd.** We will meet at 5:30 p.m. in the *Christ Church Parish Hall.* If you need help with transportation, please call 936.238.2777.

All Saints

Next Sunday, **November 3rd**, we will be remembering and honoring those members of our church who have died in Christ since our last All Saints observance in 2018. We hope you will plan to join us for this moving service of thanksgiving.

Our Stewardship:

Membership: 153

Attendance:

October 20-- 81

Offering (10/20) :

\$4, 837.00

Please pray:

Members:

Rochelle Alexander and family; Joy Eagle, Clare Herrick, Janet Guillot, Emogene Hall, Bonnie Hilton, Bill & Jackie Marsh, Leah & Gene Parker, Eloise Richardson, Sue Ann & Tom Rees, Jo Ann Stewart, Mary Jule Tatum, Mary Toback and family, and Tommie West

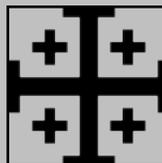
Friends & Family:

Gary Alexander (mother, Joyce Alexander); Kay Highnote (grandson, Elijah); Melia Hunter (brother, George Platt); Bill Marsh (brother, George); Becky Weldon (father and mother, Mr. & Mrs. Fred Baier); Jo Whitaker (cousin, Penny).

MORE INFORMATION

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- We can contact you at:



LECTIONARY READINGS

Next Sunday, November 3, 2019
All Saints Sunday

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

Psalm 149

Ephesians 1:11-23

Luke 6:20-31