

CHURCH CHAT

It is the mission and purpose of Somers Community United Church of Christ to study and seek the will of God and to transform our understanding into action.



November 2022



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Monday, Tuesday,

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9:00pm - 3:00 pm



I was sorting through an old stack of papers and magazines the other day when I came across one that Howie had purchased several years ago. The title of the publication was *The Complete Guide to Heaven: The Promise of the Afterlife*. It had chapter titles such as “Where is Heaven and What Does it Look Like?” and “Light, Love, and Eternal Peace.” I read the last chapter in the magazine “What do You Look Forward to In the Afterlife?” with curiosity. I looked for patterns and similarities in the answers that were given there. Of the eighteen responses given, the most common themes were meeting God/Jesus and being reunited with loved ones. Fifteen of the eighteen responses came from people I had never heard of. Of the three that were familiar names, one was a singer and songwriter and the other was a writer and pastor and the third was a saint who had been a nun.

The singer/songwriter was Billy Joel. He said this:

“If I ever reach heaven, I expect to find three wonders there: first, to meet some I had not thought to see there; second, to miss some I had expected to see there; and third, the greatest wonder of all, to find myself there.

The writer/pastor was Max Lucado. He said this:

“We may speak about a place where there are no tears, no death, no fear, no night; but those are just the benefits of heaven. The beauty of heaven is seeing God.”

The saint who had been a nun was Mother Teresa. She said this:

“I am not sure exactly what heaven will be like, but I know that when we die God will not ask, ‘How many good things have you done in your life?’ Rather he will ask, ‘How much love did you put into what you did?’”

While we are on the earthly side of heaven, let us suspend our judgments about who should or should not be there. Let us search for the beauty of God in the people and the world around us, and let us do all things with great love.

# November



| November Birthdays     |                       |
|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 7                      | Brent Christenson     |
| 8                      | Terra Newhouse        |
| 9                      | Lowell Charon         |
| 18                     | Stephanie Christenson |
| 20                     | Pastor Kathy Gloff    |
| 29                     | Gloria Chubriilo      |
| 29                     | Julie Rossi           |
| 30                     | Carol Bishop          |
| November Anniversaries |                       |
| 14                     | Bryan & Chynna Chung  |

*NOTE: If we are missing your birthday or anniversary, please let the church office know.*

| November Readings                                 |                                                                                               |
|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>November 6</b><br><i>Communion</i>             | Haggai 1: 15b—2:9<br>Psalm 145: 1-5, 17-21<br>2 Thessalonians 2: 1-5, 13-17<br>Luke 20: 27-38 |
| <b>November 13</b><br><i>Stewardship</i>          | Isaiah 65: 17-35<br>Psalm 98<br>2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13<br>Luke 21: 5-19                      |
| <b>November 20</b><br><i>Heritage Sunday</i>      | Jeremiah 23: 1-6<br>Psalm 46<br>Colossians 1: 11-20<br>Luke 23: 33-43                         |
| <b>November 27</b><br><i>1st Sunday of Advent</i> | Isaiah 2: 1-5<br>Psalm 122<br>Roman 13: 11-14<br>Matthew 24: 36-44                            |

**Remember Your Offerings** If you would like to mail your offering:  
Somers United Church of Christ  
PO Box 183  
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**2023 COMMITTEE BUDGETS** are due to Dennis Curnes by **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11TH.**

**REMEMBER TO SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK!** This year, the clocks fall back an hour on **Sunday, November 6th.**  
It is also a great time to change the batteries in all your smoke alarms.

| Sunday             |           |               |
|--------------------|-----------|---------------|
|                    | Liturgist | Altar Flowers |
| <b>November 6</b>  | NONE      | Swartz Family |
| <b>November 13</b> | NONE      | NONE          |
| <b>November 20</b> | NONE      | NONE          |
| <b>November 27</b> | NONE      | NONE          |



183 Years of  
Serving God! Come  
celebrate our Heritage  
and History on  
**Sunday,  
November 20th.**



Planning ahead for the  
month of **December**, we will  
be collecting for our annual  
mitten drive. Please bring in  
**mittens, gloves, hats,  
earmuffs, scarves, socks,  
underwear, undershirts,  
and sweatshirts for women, men, and  
children in all sizes** to place on the tree in the  
back of the sanctuary of our church. Articles  
will be donated to Shalom Center.



We currently have plenty  
of food in our Food  
Pantry. So we ask you  
not to bring in food at this time. We appreciate  
everyone who supports our Food Pantry.  
Bonnie Curnes, Project Manager



## **Breakfast & Books**

B & B (Breakfast & Books)  
will on Saturday, November  
5th at 9:30 am in the

Memorial Lounge for the last gathering for  
2022. We will be discussing **“The Book of  
Lost Names”** by **Kristin Harmel**. Susan  
Goldsmith will lead the discussion and Shirley  
Mandernack will furnish the pastry. Coffee will  
be provided. This is also the day that we  
choose our selection of reads for 2023 so bring  
your list of suggestions. This group meets six  
times a year. New persons are always  
welcome. If you have any questions contact  
Bonnie 262-654-1612.



**Christmas Poinsettias** will be  
available to beautify our  
sanctuary this year. The sign  
up sheet will be available in  
November with the cost, size,  
and color. If you have any  
questions, contact Char Laba.



**CUSH Upside-Down Breakfast Fundraiser**  
**Sunday, November 13th 4:30 pm—7:00 pm**  
**St Mary Lutheran Church, 2001 80th St., Kenosha**  
\$15 per person/ \$25 for 2/ \$10 for children under 10

Purchase tickets by Wednesday, November 9th at  
<https://secure.everyaction.com/Od1oTXOR0q7XsYcLzL8lQ2> or call Bunny at 262-914-6793

**INCLEMENT  
WEATHER  
INFORMATION**



Are we really talking about snow and ice already?? It may not be long  
before we’re glued to the radio or the TV, obsessively checking our  
phones and our weather apps to see how many inches are predicted to  
come our way. So if the weather does get bad and it is dangerous to travel, there’s a possibility  
church will be cancelled. For the information check Channels 4, 6, and 12.



| Sun                                                                                                                                                  | Mon | Tue                                                         | Wed | Thu                               | Fri | Sat                                                       |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----------------------------------|-----|-----------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                                                                                      |     | <p>1</p> <p><b>2:00 PM—5:00 PM</b><br/>Diaper Ministry</p>  | 2   | 3                                 | 4   | <p>5</p> <p><b>9:30 AM—</b><br/>Breakfast &amp; Books</p> |
| <p>6 <b>Turn clocks back</b><br/><b>Communion</b><br/><b>10:15 AM</b><br/>Worship</p>                                                                | 7   | <p>8</p> <p><b>2:00 PM—5:00 PM</b><br/>Diaper Ministry</p>  | 9   | 10                                | 11  | 12                                                        |
| <p>13<br/><b>Stewardship Sunday</b><br/><b>10:15 AM</b><br/>Worship<br/><b>4:30—7:00 PM</b><br/>CUSH Breakfast Fundraiser at St. Mary's Lutheran</p> | 14  | <p>15</p> <p><b>2:00 PM—5:00 PM</b><br/>Diaper Ministry</p> | 16  | 17                                | 18  | 19                                                        |
| <p>20<br/><b>Heritage Sunday</b><br/><br/><b>10:15 AM</b><br/>Worship</p>                                                                            | 21  | <p>22</p> <p><b>2:00 PM—5:00 PM</b><br/>Diaper Ministry</p> | 23  | <p>24<br/><b>Thanksgiving</b></p> | 25  | 26                                                        |
| <p>27 <b>1st Sunday of Advent</b><br/><br/><b>10:15 AM</b><br/>Worship</p>                                                                           | 28  | <p>29</p> <p><b>2:00 PM—5:00 PM</b><br/>Diaper Ministry</p> | 30  |                                   |     |                                                           |