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All Saints Sunday & 40th Anniversary Celebration Sunday, November 1, 2026

Worship Service @ 10:15 am

Nursery is available for infants, toddlers, and preschool-age children.

Children from grades one to five are invited to attend Sunday School following the offertory (when the last hymn begins).

Participating from home on Sunday morning? Join us via live stream...
Click Here: <http://youtube.com/channel/UCBYMT5pV5dLXGHjX5iaYXYQ/live>

Contact Information

Rev. Briones can be reached at revcbriones@gmail.com or 952-935-3025.

Christian's emergency line is **612-495-8203**.

In the event of an emergency on a Friday, please call the church (952-935-3025) and leave a voicemail and the message will be passed along to Christian.

He will be in touch as soon as possible.



In Prayer

- Prayers for Ashley Sherman's physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being.
- Prayers for Congresswoman Ilhan Omar and for our nation.
- Prayers for Kim Howard and her daughter, Jodi Bartusek, as they make decisions about treating Jodi's breast cancer.
- Doug Allen, Sherilyn Aske, Jane Berne's friends – Karen and Larry, Charles Camilli, Loretta Centgraf, Dee Chance, Julie Ford, Louise Ford, Emily Gray's friend Laura, Joann Hunt, Jordan Kerr, Kathleen (Kathy) Molony, The Shermans (Sonny, Ashley & Dakota), Landon Trosen

Because of our jam-packed Sunday service this week, we're moving communion to the second Sunday in November (Sunday, November 8th).



Our annual pledge drive is underway. This week you will receive a letter celebrating our emergence as a growth church. We are experiencing a renewed vitality under Christian's leadership. Through Christian's energy and enthusiasm, we are worshipping with more joy, serving others with more passion, and welcoming new members to our church family. Let's continue to provide Christian, and each other, with all the support we can muster, be it financial, spiritual or physical.

Hold on to your Hat - it's Christmas! Calling all Christmas Pageant enthusiasts!

We are getting organized for the Annual Chapel Hills Pageant. It's always a fun way to incorporate the children of the church to tell the story of Christmas in a new way. It will be on Sunday, December 13th with a dress rehearsal on Saturday, December 12th at 10:00 am. We are looking for interested youth to help tell the story and act, but we can also use adults that like to help direct/herd children and use your creativity with costumes. Reach out to Laura Feierabend and/or Nancy Norris-Weber if you have questions.

Laura: scudderabend@comcast.net

Nancy: ngnorrisweber@gmail.com



- 1. Vote Early:** In-person early voting is open through Monday, November 2. Election Day is Tuesday, November 3.
- 2. Spread the word:** [Share this video](#) so more of your friends and neighbors see it before Election Day.
- 3. Show off your sticker:** Once you've voted, [post your "I voted" pic here](#) so everyone can see Minnesota turning out.

Why wait until Tuesday when you can vote today?

Souls to the Polls - Let's all get out and VOTE!

It's important for all of us to vote on or before the mid-term elections on November 3. The polls are now open on weekdays.

Chris Solso and Bob Huber are willing to drive anyone who needs a ride to their designated polling place. They recommend voting early to avoid the long lines and possible disruptions on November 3. If you need a ride, please call Chris ([623-812-9334](tel:623-812-9334)) or Bob ([612-961-5845](tel:612-961-5845)). Anyone else willing to be a driver should contact Chris or Bob.

- Find a sample ballot for all local and state-wide races at:
<https://myballotmn.sos.mn.gov/>
- Information on registering to vote, where to find polling locations, and everything on your ballot:
<https://www.sos.mn.gov/elections-voting/register-to-vote/register-on-election-day/>
- Looking for a way to get involved – Think about becoming a poll chaplain:
<https://www.mnipl.org/take-action/healing-democracy-2026/>

Drum Roll Please... the numbers are in!

We received our conservation report from our October 11th paper shredding fundraiser.

"What a pleasure to partner with you and the Chapel Hills volunteers on your Mobile Shred Event! We appreciate all the enthusiasm and energy your volunteers brought to the fundraising event! Very well done!!" — ShredRight4Good

You helped reduce CO² emissions:



5.6

MTCO E (Metric tons CO² Equivalent)



5.6

Acres of US forest in one year



14,235

of miles driven by passenger vehicle



629

Gallons of gasoline consumed



1.1

Years of electricity for the avg. home



451,933

of smartphones charged



475

Trash bags of waste recycled instead of landfilled



2

Tons of waste recycled instead of landfill

CONSERVATION REPORT

Chapel Hills Church of Christ

Pounds of Paper
Shredded and Recycled:

3,120 LBS

on

10/10/26



It's easy being Green, with our
Green Smart program.

Shred Right is Green Smart. Green Smart is our proprietary disposal approach designed to help our customers meet their goals—and ours. This discipline means that once your material is shredded, we follow our Green Smart disposal guidelines to divert recyclable material out of landfills, and provide carbon offset savings.

Be the Good.
Do the Good.
Share the Good.
#ShredRight4Good



VOTE



our faith
our voice
OTE

WITH LOVE 2026

Chapel Hills is Accepting Grant Applications for 2026

We welcome your help in identifying organizations which could benefit from a Chapel Hills Grant! Grants can vary in amount and range from a few hundred dollars to a few thousand dollars. While there are no specific limitations on the types of projects that can be funded, special consideration will be given to well-defined projects that support children/youth, address food/housing insecurity, or strengthen communities.

Click Here for the Application: [Chapel Hills Grant Application](#)

Applications are due no later than **October 31, 2026**.

Questions? Ask Chris Solso (cksolso@gmail.com or 612-812-9334)

All Saints - Sunday, November 1st - During Worship

On All Saints' Sunday, we will remember with gratitude our beloved family and friends who now rest with Christ in the Communion of Saints.

Andrea Erickson's 40th Anniversary: Celebrating 40 Years of Song and Service

Join us on **Sunday, November 1st**, as we celebrate Andrea Erickson's 4 decades of leading our choir. She will be choosing some of her favorite pieces (prelude, anthem, offertory, hymns, and postlude). Don't miss this joyful, music-filled service and the opportunity to say THANK YOU! Stay following the service for a reception.

Feed My Starving Children (Hands-On Event)

Join us on **Saturday, November 7th** from Noon-1:45 pm (18732 Lake Drive, Chanhassen). Kids and adults will work together to hand pack **nutritious MannaPack® meals** specifically designed to assist in reversing and preventing undernutrition.

The signup sheet is on the counter outside the office. Rides are available.

Book Group – Thursday, November 12th (1:00 to 3:00 pm)

Join us as we discuss James: A Novel, by Percival Everett. An alternate telling of the Huck Finn story, from the viewpoint of his friend and protector, the slave Jim. Books are available to checkout at church thanks to the magic of Library Book Kits.

All are welcome to attend... join us even if you haven't read the book.

Confirmation Class

Sunday, November 15th from 9:00 – 10:00 am.

A Feast of Gratitude: Pledge Sunday Potluck

Join us on **Sunday, November 15**, right after our 10:15 am worship service.

Let's share a meal together to celebrate our church family as we reflect on God's abundance and look forward to the year ahead. Come break bread together as we honor our past, celebrate our present, and pledge for our future. Please bring a main dish, side, salad, or dessert to share.

Sign-up in the Narthex. All are welcome!

Coffee & Community – Thursday, November 19th

Join us at 9:30 am for coffee, an engaging conversation, and delicious treats, as we explore a different topic each month. We meet on the third Thursday of each month.



Theater Mu's production of Kung Fu Zombies vs Southeast Asian Girl Scouts

Our own "Ben the Tenor" invites you to see him perform in his latest production, "Kung Fu Zombies vs. Southeast Asian Girl Scouts," running October 31–November 15, 2026.

Click here for details and how to purchase tickets:

<https://www.theatermu.org/kfz-girl-scouts>

Follow Thin Mint, Samoa, and Do-Si-Do as they protect their Saint Paul community, which was abandoned by local authorities during the zombie apocalypse. Between helping their elders, doing medicine runs, and building campfires, they've probably earned, like, four Gold Awards each. But what if the zombies aren't the most dangerous monsters out there?

Looking Ahead

1	NOV, SUN	● 9:15 – 10am	Choir Rehearsal
		● 10:15 – 11:15am	Worship Service - All Saints Sunday
		● 11:15am – 12pm	Reception Celebrating Andrea's 40-Year Anniversary
		● 11:15 – 11:45am	Sunday School (Grades One to Five)
3	NOV, TUE	● 10:45am – 2:45pm	MnCAN Aphasia Groups
4	NOV, WED	● 7:30 – 8:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
7	NOV, SAT	● 12 – 1:45pm	Feed My Starving Children - Chanhassen
8	NOV, SUN	● 9:15 – 10am	Choir Rehearsal
		● 10:15 – 11:15am	Worship Service
		● 11:15 – 11:45am	Sunday School (Grades One to Five)
10	NOV, TUE	● 10:45am – 2:45pm	MnCAN Aphasia Groups
		● 6:30 – 8pm	Church Council Meeting
11	NOV, WED	● 7:30 – 8:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
12	NOV, THU	● 1 – 3pm	Book Group
		● 4:30 – 7pm	Villard Cello Studio - Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
15	NOV, SUN	● All day	Pledge Sunday
		● 9 – 10am	Confirmation Class
		● 9:15 – 10am	Choir Rehearsal
		● 10:15 – 11:15am	Worship Service
		● 11:15am – 12:15pm	Potluck Following Worship
		● 11:15am – 12:15pm	Sunday School (Grades One to Five)



GIVE Securely Online

Offering/Donations

- **Online Giving** (convenient & secure) by clicking this link...
<https://app.easytithe.com/app/giving/chapelhillsuccedina> or by scanning the QR Code to the left.
- **By Check** (indicate what your donation is for on the memo line)
 Send to: Chapel Hills, 6512 Vernon Ave S, Edina, MN 55436



"Partners in Service"

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

Long before he was Pope, a priest called Francis developed a prayer he called the five-finger prayer. On this All Saints Day, it's a good way to call to mind those saints in our lives and in the world who have led the way in the faith.

Hold your hands palm down in front of you, and look at your fingers one by one, beginning with your thumb, which is the closest to your heart.

Thumb: Pray for those closest to you. Pray for those in your chosen family, or for your close friends.

Pointer finger: Pray for those saints who have pointed you in the right direction. Pray for older relatives, wise teachers, good employers, and thoughtful mentors.

Middle finger: This finger stands tall. Pray for the saints in leadership in your community and the world. Pray for those in business, government, and church leadership whose decisions affect so many.

Ring finger: This finger is the weakest of all the fingers. Pray for those on the margins, pray for the oppressed or the downtrodden. Pray for the ill and the dying. Pray for the addicted and the imprisoned.

Pinky finger: This finger is the smallest. This is where you put your prayers for yourself.

In today's scripture story, Jesus teaches the crowds and disciples about servant leadership. He showed them that when we are followers of Christ, our words and actions need to be consistent. As we pray this prayer, we can get clearer about who are the ordinary, everyday saints in our lives and the world. We can better understand who those are who walk their walk and talk their talk, those saints who have something to teach us here and now.