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This was a BUSY Sunday!.. Dedicating the flags for our chancel area (thanks veterans and other contributors), commissioning our small group leaders and their coordinator, Pat Toth, and, of course a special celebration of **All Saints Sunday** by **1)** reading the Gospel lesson (Beatitudes) verse by verse TOGETHER (with commentary) and then, **2)** turning the Sermon Times into a time of sharing about all the saints in OUR lives who lived the Beatitudes in so many ways as our examples.

THIS week:

1. **Pray** over it then, reread the Gospel lesson Matt. 5: 1-12.
2. Note verses 3 through 6, the first four of eight Beatitudes, concern how we are *blessed through how we relate to GOD*. The second set of four, verses 7 through 10, concern how we are *blessed as we relate to each other*.
3. As you review the Beatitudes this week, do as we did this morning and let God reveal to you how He has BLESSED you with **examples** (SAINTS) of each of the Beatitudes. *It was wonderful to hear how God used so many people in your lives as we shared today.*
4. **THANK** God for each of those SAINTS He blessed you with in your life, because , GUESS WHAT?!, you will see them again, to thank them personally, in Heaven as we share in the "Forever Feast" of God's Kingdom. *And yes, cuz, there's bacon in Heaven... 🍖. (you'll need to review the vid of the service if you missed that one...)*

Coming up:

- VOTE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
- Church Council meets Wednesday for regular business and also a special report/update from the **Affiliation Committee**.
- Next Sunday we celebrate the **Reformation -- WEAR RED!!!**
- Next Sunday we will also **dedicate the crosses** recently installed around the parking lot area.
- Don't forget to sign up for your part of the annual **Living Word Thanksgiving Dinner**, after church Nov. 22.

As a closing note, I want to thank all of you for the surprise Pastor Appreciation gift cards today, the kind words and humorous pics 🍷 . It is indeed an honor and privilege to serve this congregation!

May the Lord bless and keep each of you this week. See you Sunday!!

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