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"Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God the creator triumphantly raise."

ELW Hymn #881

It is fall. The trees are letting go of their leaves. With the help of the wind they are emptying themselves. And yet, at this very time when the landscape ceases to be filled with the abundant green growth of summer, we turn our hearts and minds toward thanksgiving. This seasonal rhythm in our culture has some parallels in the life of Jesus and the life of the Church. As Jesus tells stories or coaches his disciples, he often includes thoughts on living abundantly. But, his prescription for the abundant life always begins with the emptying out of self – the emptying of possessions, the emptying of ego, the emptying of our own plans. Just as the trees must let go of this year's leaves so that there may be new growth in the spring, we are called to release what we have been holding tightly so that God may fill us with God's own abundance.

Our Sundays in November begin and end with festivals.

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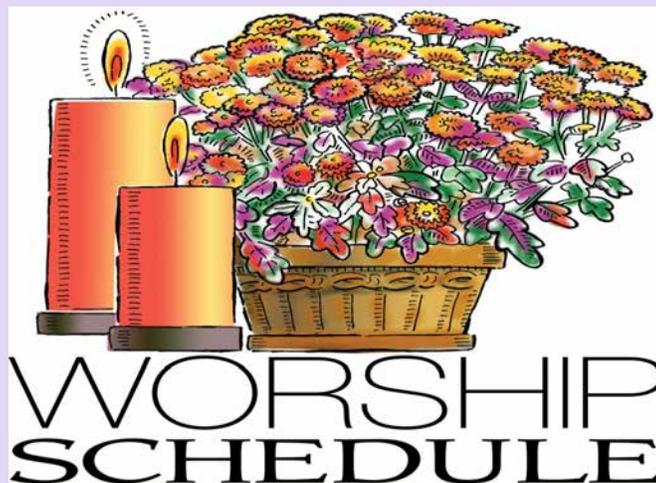
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They act like book-ends for the month. We start by remembering, naming, and celebrating members of the congregation and loved ones who died in the past year. This is an act of thanksgiving. We give thanks for them and all the generations that have gone before us. The month ends with a celebration of the Reign of Christ. Just before our national Thanksgiving, we give thanks for all that God has done and is doing through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus our King. And so, on that Sunday, in a spirit of thanksgiving, we will make our financial commitments for the coming year.

It is fall. Let go, remember, give thanks, and make a commitment to the future. As you live into that rhythm you will find abundant life.

Pastor Darla Ann



REGULAR WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Contemporary Worship: Saturdays at 5 pm with Fellowship after the Worship

Traditional Worship: Regular Sunday Schedule of 8 am and 10:45 am. Hospitality will be at 9:15 am.

WEEKEND WORSHIP DURING NOVEMBER



Saturday, November 2 and Sunday, November 3

All Saints: Ephesians 1:11-23

Our Inheritance

This is a day that celebrates the past to illuminate the future. We recall generations of Christians who confessed the faith – preserving it and passing it on to us. We look to the future as we think about the resources we have inherited.



Saturday, November 9 and Sunday, November 10

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost: Luke 20:27-38

Faith Triumphs!

The reality of the resurrection is celebrated in the scriptures read this weekend. At baptism, we are ushered into a life filled with glimpses of resurrection. Even so, we cannot come close to imagining life in heaven. It is so different from life as we know it.



Saturday, November 16 and Sunday, November 17

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Routines

Endings and beginnings are times of intense emotion and activity. Sometimes we grow weary of the work needed to get through those times of significant change. Living daily life with trust and confidence in Christ's guidance and provision helps us far more than suddenly doing unusual things.



Saturday, November 23 and Sunday, November 24

Christ the King Sunday: Luke 22:33-43

Dedication Sunday

The Lord of the Universe accepted a manger for his cradle and a cross for his throne. This King who poured out his very lifeblood for us, wants to rule every aspect of our lives. Will we let him?

Times Have Changed! Have WE?

When I was growing up, **everyone** went to church on Sunday if you were Protestant or Catholic. My Jewish friends were in synagogue on Saturday. As a family. Together. EVERYONE. Tired or not. Grumpy or not. Didn't feel like it or not. You got up and went with the family. PERIOD.

Nothing was open on Sunday! No stores, very few gas stations or restaurants. **Church had NO COMPETITION.** No school activities on Wednesdays and certainly not on Sunday. Everybody who was anybody was in church somewhere on Sunday. Vatican II came along and Saturday evening mass was allowed and so were guitars, drums, and "contemporary" music. Pipe organs were pulled out of many Catholic Churches. Protestant churches added "contemporary" worship services with projection screens, slides, and praise music.

FAST FORWARD to October 2019

Everything is open 24 hours 7 days a week. Families who attend church do so an average of one or two Sundays per month and very little in the summer if at all.

School activities take precedence over everything. The only sacrosanct days are the World Series, Stanley Cup Play offs and, of course, the Superbowl.

I am the only one in my family who attends church. My sister and her husband are the only ones in my family who attend church in my hometown. My wife, children and grandchildren do not attend church even sporadically. My sister's children, grandchildren and the like do not attend church either anywhere ever.

Less than 20% of Americans attend church on a regular basis
So, what do music, art, education, and worship have to do with any of this?

Attend one of our two visioning sessions!



DIRECTORS DEPARTMENT



November 3

8:00 am Marie Brown, Cello

10:45 am

"If Today" and "For The Beauty of The Earth"
with the OLLC Chancel Choir, Marie Brown, cello, Marian Steinman, flautist

Saturday November 16th 6:30 pm or Sunday, November 17th 12 noon

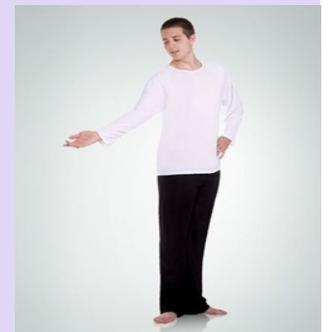
The Future of Worship Brainstorming Sessions (Reservations required)

On Saturday, November 23rd from 9 am to 12 noon

Brian will lead a liturgical movement and dance workshop at the church. Those who attend will be invited to perform in worship on Sunday. It is not mandatory. This is for 4th graders through adults and those adults who are retired. No experience necessary.

Call **Harvey Chiles** at 314-322-6806 for reservations.

Cost is \$15.00 dollars per person.



Sunday, November 24, 10:45 am

The Promise of Living: Liturgical Dance in Worship

Brian Lynch, Artist and choreographer

As we go through the year and look at creativity and worship, I welcome all of your feedback in person or via email at chilesharvey@gmail.com

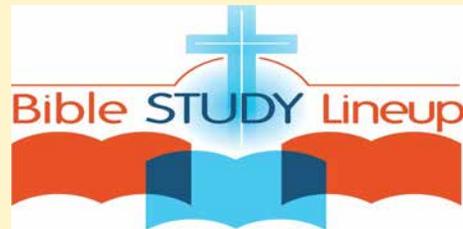
Harvey Childs, Director of Traditional Music

CHANCEL & BELL CHOIRS

The Chancel Choir rehearses on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in the Worship Center Sanctuary. The Bell Choir rehearses on Thursdays, at 6:30 pm in the Worship Center Sanctuary. We have lost several singers and ringers over the summer, so if you have an interest in singing or playing bells, please contact our Director of Traditional Music, **Dr. Harvey Chiles**. He would love to talk with you!

BIBLE CRUNCHERS STUDY

Bible Crunchers Study meet **Wednesdays in November, from 5:15 – 6:15 pm**. It is conveniently timed for people getting off work or for choir members interested in attending so they will be done in time for rehearsal. The study is "Short Stories by Jesus", a study about his famous parables, with some sessions including a video clip by Amy-Jill Levine. The last meeting in November will be a short study of the Christmas Story as we prepare for Advent and Christmas. We will not meet in December. **Pastor Darla Ann** will be leading the study.



"MORNING GLORIES" Spiritual Discussion Group (formerly Morning Glories Bible Study)

The "Morning Glories" are continuing the study series, the "Poetry of the Old Testament". This study by Anna Madsen is from the ELCA Women's magazine **Gather**. The study will cover selections of the Old Testament's poetry from Job, Psalms and Lamentations. Drawing from the experiences of these ancient writers, learn to look for God in times of deep emotions, such as joy, anger, celebration, depression, misunderstanding and contentment, finding hope and grace along the way. November's session is about "Stewarding the Gift of Love". The "Morning Glories" will meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month. Come join this group of women on **November 14, 10 am**.

Leader: **Debby Gunderson**.



(For more information and details, see our "Adult Education Opportunities" and "Children & Youth" brochures or visit our website: www.ourlords.org)

CLASSES

for All Ages

Children's Sunday School Age 3 through 5th Grade, High School and Adult Bible Study continue classes.

During November, after Opening, we sing and talk about the day's lesson. Children ages 3 years – 2nd Grade stay for classes in the Worship Center Fellowship Hall. The older kids in Grades 3-5 break out to go to Classroom 4 in the Life Center. The curriculum is Spark: Activate Faith/Lectionary which aims to connect worship and Sunday School lessons.

Sunday School Teachers for 2019-2020 School Year are:

**Pre-School (Ages 3-4) – Beth Giese & Susan Rimar;
Kindergarten – 2nd Grade – Erin Helms; and
Grades 3-5 – Lisa White.**

Bring your children, make new friends and learn about God through great Bible stories!

FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES

Third Grade children and their parents/grandparents/guardians are invited to participate in preparation for First Communion. A three-session class is planned. The class sessions will be offered immediately following the second service on Sunday, **November 3 and 10**. The third session will be a field trip to Pottery Hollow.



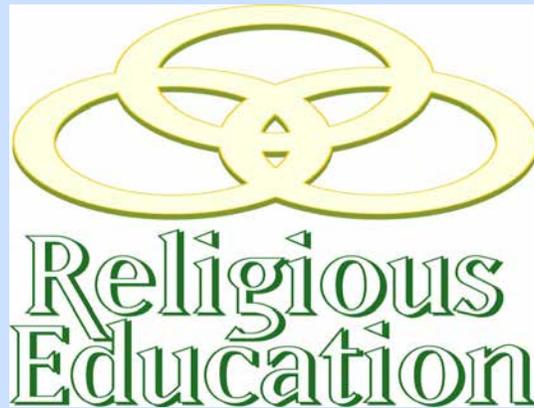
For more information, please call Pastor Dar at 330-244-7963 or at the church office at 618-345-5692.

Pastor Darla Ann

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY

The Sunday Adult Bible Study began a new DVD Course from The Great Courses Series: **“Thinking about Religion and Violence”** by Professor Jason C. Bivins of North Carolina State University on October 20th. This course explores some of the factors involved in the increase in religious violence by looking at its history, multiple manifestations, scriptural justifications and how its perpetrators perceive the world. It looks at the power of religion and violence, how religious tenets are cited to justify violence, and to police identities, like race, gender and sexuality. It will examine case studies of persecution of other religious traditions. It will also address religious terrorism and how we can respond to it in our time.

All men and women are welcome to these studies led by **Dona Racich**.



QUESTIONS BIBLE STUDY

The Questions Bible Study meets **Mondays at 10 am** in the Life Center Conference Room. The DVD Course from The Great Courses Series: **Science and Religion** by Professor Lawrence M. Principe of John Hopkins University. This course is open to all – come join the quest for further understanding, led by **Dona Racich**.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

When there are regular lessons, students will meet in the Life Center-Fellowship Hall (basement) on **Sundays at 9:15 am**. The class uses the "Faith Inkubators" curriculum.

In November we have a split schedule. There will be **no class on Sunday, November 10** due to the Saturday **activity of November 9th** doing food preparation for the S.O.S. Soup Kitchen that we work on **Thursday, November 14 from 4-7 pm** at St. John's Evan. UCC on Clay Street in Collinsville.

Regular Sunday classes are on:
November 3 (Topic: Coveting & Review),
November 17 (Sex and Love)
November 24 (Drugs: Your Body is a Temple).



There will be **NO CLASS on Sunday, December 1** due to Thanksgiving Break. All 6th, 7th & 8th Graders are encouraged to come.

HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

(Grades 9, 10, 11 & 12)

Sundays, 9:30 am
 Youth Room in the Worship Center

High School Sunday School classes continue on **Sundays at 9:30 am** in the Youth Room in the Worship Center using "re:form" by Augsburg Publishers. The curriculum features a "anti" workbook to encourage active learning with room to explore, journal, doodle, paste photos and build faith and short videos with a blend of fun and solid theology. We will Wrap up the study of "Creed" with sessions "What do we say we believe in 'the holy catholic church' if we're not Catholic?" and "Do cremated people go to heaven?". We will begin a new study of Discipleship with "Why should I Follow Jesus: can't I just say I believe in him?" and "Why should I pray when God doesn't answer all my prayers?" Come join us!



Teachers: **Debby Gunderson & Scott Comrie.**
(For more information and details, see our "Youth Ministries" brochure or visit our website: www.ourlords.org)

YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE



The following are important fund raising dates for the youth group.

- 1) Greenery Sales: Come one, Come all: The last weekend of sales will be **November 2 & 3**.
Greenery will arrive the first week of December.
Thank you so much for your support of the HS Youth.
Leads: Klingsicks & Spencers
- 2) Bake Sale / **Nov. 23 & 24** Leads: Truckenbrod & Steinmann
- 3) Spaghetti Dinner / **Feb. 8** Leads: Hoelschers
- 4) Brick Sales / Start beginning of March (All Parents Involved)

Following meeting dates:

(Hoelscher House 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.)
Nov. 3, 2019

Nov. 8, 2019 ("Little Shop of Horrors", EHS)
Nov. 17, 2019

Dec. 1, 2019 (X-mas Party, Hoelscher House 3:00 p.m.)

Jan. 5, 2020
Jan. 19, 2020

Feb. 2, 2020
Feb. 23, 2020

March 8, 2020

April 19, 2020

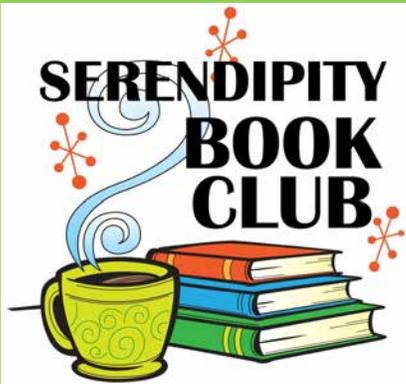
Peace and thanks to all! ***Kathy Hoelscher***

LATE BOOMERS IN NOVEMBER

Brian & JoAnn Hartke will be hosting the Boomers on **Saturday, November 30** around **6:30 pm** at their home. They will be providing Mexican Dishes and everyone is asked to bring sides or desserts to share. BYOB. RSVP by Wednesday, November 27.



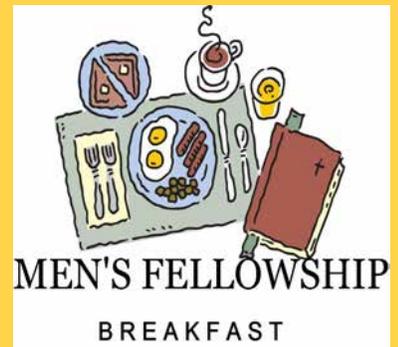
SERENDIPITY BOOK CLUB



The Book Club meets on **Monday, November 18 at 11:30 am**. In November, you are invited to read Dear Mrs. Bird by A.J. Pearce. Bring a drink and a brown bag lunch to enjoy as the book is discussed. The book club meets in the Life Center Conference Room. All welcome!

MEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP

Men's Breakfast Fellowship continues **Saturday, November 16, 8 am** at the Collinsville St. Louis Bread Company. Topics include discussions on how to handle today's life challenges in a more Christ-like manner. All men welcome.



Leader: **Steve Hoelscher**

FIRST OF THE MONTH DINNER OUT

On **Saturday, November 2**, following the 5 pm service (around 6:30 pm) we will meet at Edgewild Restaurant in Edwardsville (1071 S. State Rte. 157). Their menu includes Appetizers, Buddha Bowls, Salads, Sandwiches, Burgers (including Impossible), Main Entrees (Chicken, Steak, Bison, Seafood, etc.), Pizzas, Desserts and a full bar. Come out and have good food and fellowship with your church friends!





MEN'S CLUB

Our Lord's Men's Club meets on **Saturday, November 2, 7 am**. November's chefs are **Rod Orr and Ben McGuire**. Come out for food, fellowship & chores around the inside and outside of the church.

Our Lord's Mowing & Trimmer Team Schedule

Our Mowing and Trimming Team has only this month left of the mowing season this year. Our mowers and trimmer have done an awesome job. Thank you! This group of guys who volunteer to mow and trim are a blessing to Our Lord's. If you would like to help with this worthy ministry next mowing season, please contact, **Brian Hartke, Chuck Pugh, or Ted Nemsy** to be put on the list of back up mowers and trimmers.

Mowers and Trimmers for October

<u>Date</u>	<u>Riding Mower</u>	<u>Trimmers</u>
October 31-Nov. 2	Ben McGuire	Rod Orr
November 7-9	Ted Nemsy	Mike Hester
November 14-16	Scott Comrie	Darrell Bruhn
November 21-23	Don Baden	Steve Hoelscher

TREASURER'S REPORT

as of September, 2019

Total receipts for September 2019	\$39,215	(anticipated budget amount of \$30,083)
Total expenditures for September 2019	\$32,522	(anticipated budget amount of \$30,083)
Total receipts for 2019 as of 9/30	\$291,444	(anticipated budget amount of \$270,750)
Total expenditures for 2019 as of 9/30	\$331,232	
Mortgage principal paid in September 2019	\$2,765	
Total mortgage principal paid in 2019	\$32,088	
Remaining principal on mortgage	\$140,650	
Cash - Unrestricted	\$49,978	
Cash - Designated	\$24,584	
Money in Savings	\$44,297	(CD \$25,000 matures in December 2021)



Submitted by **Max Eakin**

10/21/19

MARYVILLE OUTREACH CENTER

Open to residents of Maryville, and members of Maryville churches or schools.

Ministries Include:

Resident Assistance Program (RAP): to help people in difficult financial situations. Office Hours: Tuesday from 5:30-7 pm.

Food Pantry: helps families in food deficiencies twice a month. All food items, toiletries, paper products & cleaning supplies are needed. Also, food items easy for homeless people to eat, which does not require cooking and is easily opened.

Pantry Hours: Tuesdays 5:30 - 7 pm
 Thursdays 10 am – noon
 Saturdays 10 am – noon.

Grandma's Attic: Store offers super cheap clothing, shoes, accessories, household goods. Donations accepted when Attic is open or can be placed in tubs under Worship Center mailboxes.

Attic Hours: Tuesdays 10 am-noon & 5:30 -7:30 pm
 Wednesdays 10 am – noon
 Thursdays 10 am – noon
 Friday 10 am - noon
 Saturdays 10 am – noon.

Our Lord's Liaison to Maryville Outreach Board: **Carol Orr**

**CARING MINISTRY TEAM:
 Being God's Presence in Someone's Life**

Provides care to church family as needed. Tasks Include: Visit people in hospital or homes, take previously consecrated Communion to our homebound or sick, called on those experiencing a personal crisis, provide transportation to doctor appointments or grocery shopping, sitting with someone who is ill while the regular caregiver gets some "me" time for rest, shopping, etc. If you need assistance, or can help provide needs, call Mary Olsen or the church office. Team members: **Mary Olsen, Carol Gocken, Kathie Brady, and Carol and Rod Orr.**

(For more information and details, see our "Service Ministries" brochure or visit our website: www.ourlords.org)

FAIR TRADE

With all our Church services happening again the Fair Trade averages are inching up on a week to week basis. I could not be more pleased with the attention the Fair Trade attracts whether members, visitors or friends. Do come in and come in often. We have a few members that really love their coffee by ordering it by the case. If you are a fan of a particular coffee, you can save some money by ordering a case(6 bags). It takes about 3-5 days to get it in. Teas & Chocolate Bars can also be ordered by case for a savings.

As I write this it's only mid-October, but Christmas is coming. Remember we have an in house Gift Shop with the Fair Trade Space. We have NEW CATALOGS in the shop. The catalogs have many new items including Ornaments, Nativities, Scarves, Wraps just to mention a few. Come Get One. Special order SERRV items also take 3-5 days to receive. Always remember the prices in the catalogs are not what you pay. We get wholesale prices. Just call, text or see me for your price.

As always I am looking for help in handling Square Charge purchases. It is a very simple program to load on your smart phone and easy to use. About 20 -25% of our sales are done by charge.

For The Third Year Get Ready For "Our Lord's Christmas Store"

Yours in Christ,

Mike Williams & Fair Trade



SOS SOUP KITCHEN



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SOUP KITCHEN

SOS Soup Kitchen is Thursday, November 14, 3:30 - 7 pm at St. John Evan. UCC in Collinsville serving Chicken Pot Pies prepared by Our Lord's Confirmation students! Sign-up in Narthex for food and volunteers. (We will need plenty of both, as we are the only church serving at St. John's)

Questions: Gail Jorgenson & Ed Foppe

CASSEROLE TEAM

Provides meals for members experiencing an illness, a birth or other circumstance when meals would be helpful. Volunteers are needed. If interested in volunteering, as a meal preparer or deliverer, or have questions, please contact



Team Leader: **Debby Gunderson**



OFFICE
ANGELS

OFFICE ANGELS

Thursdays at 10:30 am in the Life Center Conference Room (Thanksgiving week we'll meet on Wednesday, November 27th)

NEWSLETTER ASSEMBLY ANGELS

Once a month at **9:30 am in the Life Center Conference Room** towards the end of each month. In November, we will meet **Wednesday, November 27th.**

Purpose: For both ministries to help assemble printed bulletins or newsletters & visit with church friends.

Questions: **Contact Church Office.**

Just a side note:
Deadline for **December's** Newsletter is **Friday, November 15.**

WORSHIP HELPERS MINISTRY!

(Of course, we can still use your help!)

Volunteers are needed every week to help with worship! These servant spots include: acolytes, assisting ministers, lectors, assisting minister/lectors (Saturdays), greeters, ushers, greeter/ushers (Saturdays), altar guild, projectionist, ride givers, and fellowship.

Two Ways to Sign Up:

People Power on the www.ourlords.org website. Go to People Power, find the date you want to volunteer & sign up! **OR**

People Power Sign Up Sheets: will still be available for those electronically challenged.

The opportunities to serve are powerful and enriching. Signup sheet for November and December are already out.

Special Needs: Volunteers to be Projectionists, Ride Givers, and Greeters on Sunday mornings, and Saturday Altar Guild people.



ADMINISTRATION

WHEN YOU HAVE CHANGES

Please let the church office know of changes to e-mail address, mail/resident addresses, telephone numbers, job, college, graduations etc.

SYNOD WEB SITE: www.csis-elca.org

ELCA WEB SITE: www.elca.org

PRAYER VENTURES

Two pages of monthly prayer support for ELCA ministries, are available in printed copy in our Worship Center and Life Center or accessed at www.elca.org/prayerventures.

(For more information and details, see our "Service Ministries" brochure or visit our website: www.ourlords.org)



Be a Good Neighbor at Thanksgiving and Volunteer for *Faith in Action*

*"And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself."
(Matthew 22:39)*

Thanksgiving is the holiday where most people express gratitude to family and friends generally for making life better. It's also a time when people reflect on how to be a better person and more neighbor-like. We hear religious and community leaders encouraging people to be a good neighbor and share a portion of their time and talents to make the world a better place.

Volunteering your time and talents at organizations within your community could make a world of difference and lead to a civil, benevolent, and inclusive society. There are so many opportunities available. And volunteering for Collinsville *Faith in Action* is one of them.

Faith in Action needs volunteers to help with transportation for care receivers, especially during weekdays for trips to medical appointments and treatments, or to the bank or credit union, grocery store, pharmacy, hairdresser or barber. Volunteers are needed to provide rides and companionship during weekends to social outings for CFIA's Elder Connection. They're also needed to make reassurance calls, and provide minor home maintenance and seasonal yard maintenance. All of these services are offered without charge to seniors and adults with disabilities in Collinsville, Caseyville, Maryville, and State Park. This is possible because *Faith in Action* volunteers contribute their time and talents.

As you give thanks at Thanksgiving and think about how you can help your neighbors, reflect on these words from Ralph Waldo Emerson, 19th century American essayist and philosopher, "The purpose of life is not to be happy. It is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well." Call *Faith in Action* at 344-8080 and sign up now as a volunteer. Be a good neighbor at Thanksgiving.

(For more information and details, see our "Service Ministries" brochure or visit our website: www.ourlords.org)

ELECTRONIC GIVING



Dear Members of Our Lord's,

Over the last couple of years you have had the option of electronic giving through Vanco and several of you have used the service. Currently there are two regular users of the service. There is another option through internet banking which allows, under your direction, a check to be automatically sent by your bank to the church on a weekly, monthly or quarterly basis. This option, just as Vanco does, puts your giving on auto pilot and helps provide consistency when you are absent. Vanco charges a fee and most banks who offer this service do not. You would need to check with your bank to see what their policy is. Currently we have probably a dozen people using internet banking. Cards have been placed in the pews for anyone using either of these methods to place in the offering basket, if they so choose. I will be speaking to this issue later in the year. If you have questions before then, please talk with me.

Thanks,

Dave Gocken

CREATION CARE

The Creation Care Team has taken care of the esplanade and the flagpole area for five years. It has truly been a labor of love; planting new perennials, caring for perennials already in place, and adding a few annuals for color. While we have loved doing this, we no longer desire to continue what has become a difficult job for so few people.

We would like to invite anyone or any group of people to take over the care of the esplanade. Some of us would be available to weed and water occasionally. If you feel this is something you would enjoy, please call the church office.

If no one volunteers to take over the esplanade, the Creation Care Team will remove the plants that require the most care and replace them with a variety of shrubs, bushes and rock.

Thank you for your support,

Rod Orr





Five years ago, the ELCA began a campaign to raise money for all types of ministries throughout the ELCA and the world, focusing on four priority areas: congregations, hunger and poverty, global church and leadership. That campaign ended on June 30, 2019. "Through the generosity of members and congregations across this church, ELCA ministries received \$250 million - \$195 million in cash and multiyear commitments, as well as \$55 million in planned gifts – to continue, strengthen and expand their work here at home and with our global companions around the world." (The Rev. Ronald T. Gluskamp, Director, The Campaign for the ELCA) Thanks to all the generosity of this church; God's blessings have made our vision broader, opened our imaginations and dreams for what God is calling us to do!

PRAYER LIST

Our Lord's Prayer List is always a long one. We have many within our congregation, or who are connections to a member, that are in need of prayer that are included on the list. The church office "purges" the list approximately once a month. If we know that there is a long-term illness or condition, we tend to not delete the person. However, we don't always know why a person is included in our prayer life. You can help! If the person for which you have requested prayer has improved enough to come off the prayer list or has passed away, please let the church office know. We want to keep the Prayer List as current and viable as possible. Thank you for your help.



PREVIEW OF COMING EVENTS

Mark your calendars for these upcoming Events and special observances.

DECEMBER

- Beginning of Advent, Nov 30-Dec 1
- Ecumenical Advent Concert at Holy Family, Dec 7
- First of the Month Dinner Out, Dec 7
- Lighting of the Church Star and Creche, Dec 7
- Ecumenical Advent Concert at Our Lord's, Dec 8
- S.O.S. Soup Kitchen, (1st Presbyterian), Dec 10
- Newsletter Deadline, Dec 13
- Men's Club Breakfast, Dec 14
- Greening of the Church, Dec 14
- Fair Trade Christmas Shop, Dec 14-22
- Children's Christmas Program & Reception, Dec 15
- Katherine von Bora Luther, Birthday, Dec 20
- Winter Begins, Dec 21
- Newsletter Assembly & Office Angels Christmas Pot Luck Party, Dec 23
- Christmas Eve-Church Office Closed Dec 24-25
- Christmas Eve Worship, Dec 24 (5, 7:30 & 10 pm)
- Christmas Day Worship, Dec 25 (9 am)
- Church Office Closed
- Christmas With Our Neighbors, Dec 25 (10 am)
- New Year's Eve – Church Office Closed, Dec 31

JANUARY

- New Year's Day – Church Office Closed, Jan 1
- NO Men's Club Breakfast
- Un-Greening of the Church, Jan 5
- Epiphany of Our Lord Weekend, Jan 5-6
- NO S.O.S. Soup Kitchen
- Baptism of Our Lord Weekend, Jan 11-12
- Via de Cristo-Fresh Start, Jan 12 (inclement weather date Jan 19)
- Newsletter Deadline, Jan 15
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Jan 20
- Annual Meeting, Jan 25
- Newsletter Assembly, Jan 29

FEBRUARY

- Men's Club Breakfast, Feb 2
- Presentation of Our Lord, Feb 2-3
- Souper Bowl of Caring, Council Installation, Boy Scout Recognition Weekend, Feb 2-3
- Valentine's Spaghetti Dinner, Feb 9
- S.O.S. Soup Kitchen at 1st Presbyterian, Feb 11
- Valentine' Day, Feb 14
- Newsletter Deadline, Feb 15
- President's Day, Office Closed, Feb 17
- Martin Luther Died in 1546, Feb 18
- Transfiguration Weekend, Feb 22-23
- Ash Wednesday, Feb 26





PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL

Lance Cpl. Clayton Campbell
 Major James Carmichael
 Capt. Blake Crosby
 Airborne Ranger Keegan Crosby
 Staff Sgt. Tyson Crosby
 SPC Bill Homes
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 Jake Randall
 Jack Scoles
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IN SYMPATHY

Connie Wyvell Family (at the death of her father Henry "Hank" Drew on October 7)

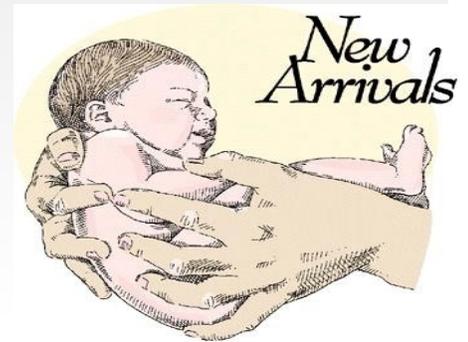
Barb Erickson Family (at the death of her grandson Mike Meyer on Sept. 29)

Vernon Veld Family (at his death/Gocken Family)



NEW BABY

Congratulations to **Drew & Megan Wieser** for the birth of **Beckett Lloyd** on September 26, 2019. Happy relatives are siblings A.J. & Brooke. **Beckett** will be Baptized on Nov.10 at the 8:00 am service



BAPTISMS

Congratulations to **Maxine Monroe Asbury** who was baptized on Saturday, October 12 at the 5 pm service. Proud relatives are her parents are William & Becky Asbury, Grandparents Greg & Lori Fremder, sisters Kylie Fremder & Mabel Asbury, and her sponsors, Grandparents Monroe "Whitey" & Jo White. May God's richest blessings be showered on Maxine at the beginning of her faith journey.

Congratulations to **Harper Patricia Lilly** who was baptized on Sunday, October 13 at the 10:45 am service. Proud relatives are her parents are David & Rachael Lilly, Grandparents Tim & Connie Nyland, Great Aunt the Rev. Nancy Nyland and her sponsors Aunt Gretchen Nyland and Andrew Wilde. May God's richest blessings be showered on Harper at her beginning faith journey.



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Patrick Noga
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Lisa Dollar
Robert Hayes
Shelly Trucano
Alex Williams
Tom Messina
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Lisa Goodwin



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Prayers for Family and Friends of Church Members

IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

Gladys Adams (Nicole Williams' friend)
Steve Anderson (Beth Giese's brother)
Barbara
Dorian Blackwell
Jeff Bombal (Comrie's nephew)
Isabella Boyer (Noga's 13 year old neighbor)
Steven Bristol
Ken Bruninga
Kenneth Bunetic
Pat C. (Schoenecker's friend)
Chad Carter (Lori Messina's friend's son)
Lucian Cojucaru
Brenda Cussanelli
Annette Deem
Priscilla Donals
Judy Douglass (Karen Tilashalski's aunt)
Anita Dunlap (Harvey Chiles sister)
Kristi Dunson
Terry Eakin (Max Eakin's brother)
Bruce Fernie (Lori Fremder's friend)
Vickie Finan (Kassing's niece)
Lynn Geiler (Karen Larson's sister-in-law)
Carol Gendron (Lori Messina's mother)
Glenda
Miranda Goes (Kassing's friend)
Pr. Lisa Goodwin
Christina Grenard (Julie Gruber's niece)
Chuck Griffin (Mike Williams' Friend)
Penny Grimes (Hoelscher's friend)
Leroy Hall (Darlene Carney's uncle)

Bill Harris (Mike Williams' friend)
Kate Harris
Harold Hartke
Mac Herrera (Jim Spencer's friend)
Debbie Hertenstein
John Honness
Jean Huster (Dora Clawges' sister-in-law)
Sandra Ingram (Mike Williams sister)
Neil Jenkins (Williams' brother-in-law)
 Premie **Harleigh Yvonne** Johnson & parents
 Sierra Puryear & Michael Johnson (Williams Great great niece)
Journey Kampton (Erick Larson friend's granddaughter)
Julian, KD & Foster children
Kendall
Linda
David Lydick (Deanne Holshouser's cousin)
Gene Manley (Tatjenhorst's neighbor)
Libby Maroney (Chuck Pugh's sister)
Kathryn Martin (Karen Larson's friend)
Jim Maue (Roberta Maue's friend)
Charlie McCord
Daniel Miner (Linda Spencer's cousin)
Don Muller (Terry Menz' brother)
Margaret Neubauer (White's sister-in-law)
Rick Neubauer (Lisa White's brother)
Brantley Noble

Olivia (Carol Orr's cousin)
Pr. Paul & Rosy Park
Sharon Parker (Pugh's friend)
Peggy (Caryl Kassing's friend)
Stephanie Polston (Karen Larson's friend)
Jason Ralston (Jodi Pugh's brother)
Rhonda Reuter (Sue Green's H.S. friend)
Pr. Lev Reynolds
Lucas Wade Rodell (Carole Callahan's nephew)
Loralee Snyder (Tim Nyland's aunt)
Alex Spudich
Jim Starrett (Waterman's brother-in-law)
Gordon Strong (Carole Callahan's brother)
Rod & Sharon Summer (Williams' neighbors)
Doris Swanson (Laura Schoenecker's mother)
Ben Szakacsi (Nicole Williams' grandfather)
Sarah Tatjenhorst (Fred & Joyce Tatjenhorst's Granddaughter)
Steve Tatjenhorst (Fred & Joyce Tatjenhorst's son)
Doug Wannan
Jean Wheeland (Beth Giese's mother)
Diane Wooden
Heather Yost (Julie Gruber's cousin)
Nick Zappia (Davidson's son-in-law)





Puzzle!

Use the food key to complete Acts 14:17, NIV.

KEY

THANK YOU, LORD



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ACTS 14:17, NIV

Answer: "He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; he provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy." Acts 14:17, NIV

Bible Quiz

Complete the first of Jesus' "beatitudes" correctly: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for ..."

- A. they shall be comforted.
- B. theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- C. they shall inherit the earth.
- D. they shall see God.



Answer: B (See Matthew 5:3.)



A feast of praise

Throughout the Bible, God's people give thanks and praise for his goodness.



Directions: Draw lines to match the scriptures (all NIV) with the correct speaker.

"I thank my God every time I remember you." Philippians 1:3 Hannah

"My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior." Luke 1:46-47 David

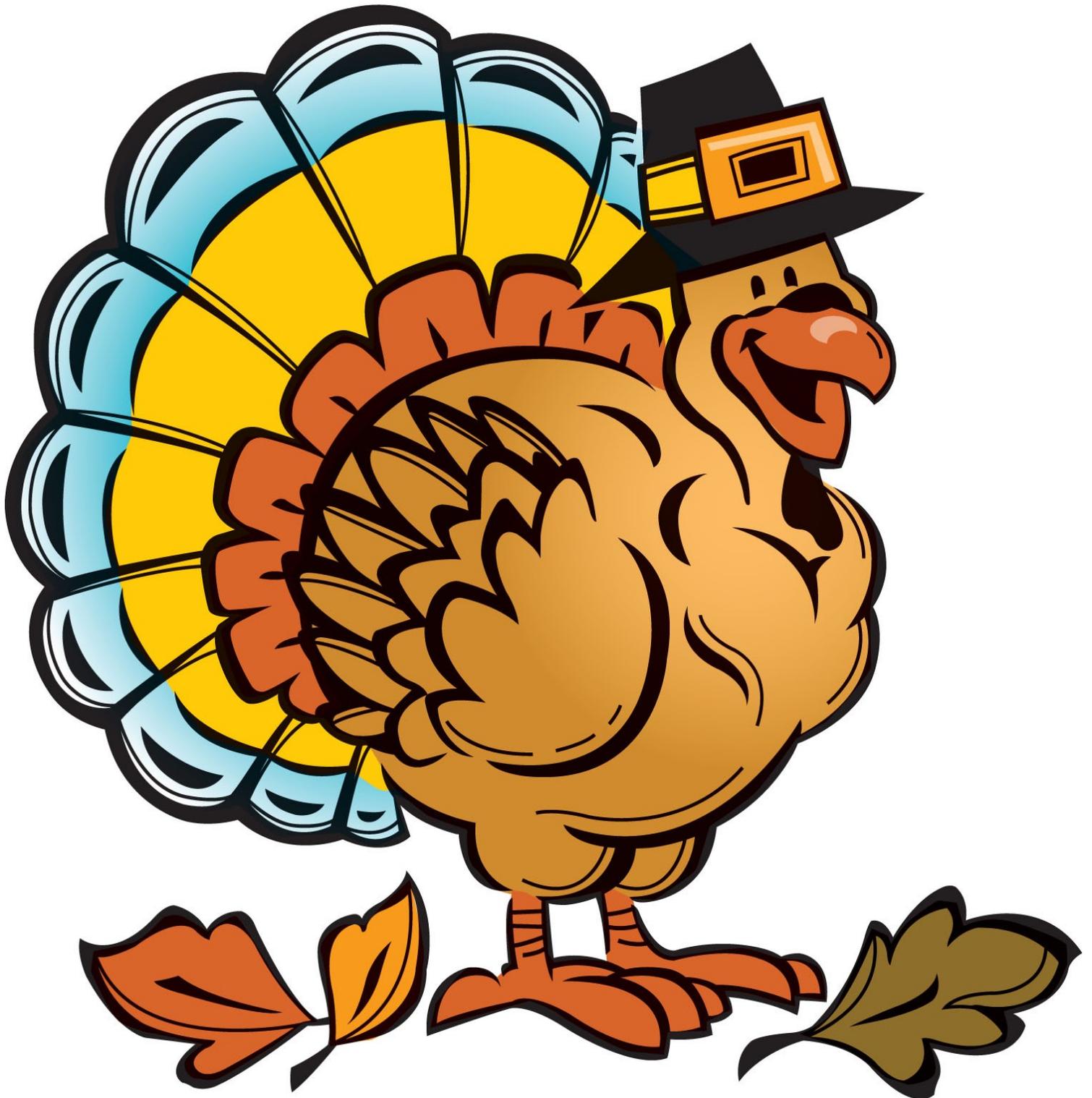
"He is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him." Exodus 15:2 Mary

"My heart rejoices in the LORD." 1 Samuel 2:1 Paul

"I will praise God's name in song and glorify him with thanksgiving." Psalm 69:30 Moses

Answers: Philippians 1:3, Paul; Luke 1:46-47, Mary; Exodus 15:2, Moses; 1 Samuel 2:1, Hannah; Psalm 69:30, David

Happy Thanksgiving





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 All Saint's Day 8 - Worship 9:15 - Adult Bible Study; Confirmation; Hospitality 9:30 - S.S.; H.S. 10:45 - Worship 12 - 1st Comm Class 4-6 - HS, Youth, Hoelschers 4-8 - IL Global Arts	4 10 - Questions Bible Study 10:30 - Staff Meeting 4 - Creation Care 4 - 8:30 - Illinois, Global Arts Academy 6:30- Education Summit	5 Election Day 7 - Narcotics Anonymous, Nar-Anon	6 5:15 - Bible Crunchers 6 - CPR Class 6:30 - Chancel Choir	7 10:30 - Office Angels 2 - Amici di Martino Studenti Italian 4 - 6 - IL Global Arts 6:30 - Bell Choir	1 All Saint's Day Pastor Sabbath	2 7:00 - Men's Club 3:30 - Praise Band 5 - Worship 6:30 - 1st of the Month Dinner Out
10 Pentecost 22 Martin Luther's B-day 1483 8 - Worship/Wieser Baptism 9:15 - Adult Bible Study; Hospitality 9:30 - S.S.; H.S. Class; 10:45 - Worship 12 - 1st Comm Class 4 - 8 - IL Global Arts	11 Veteran's Day Office Closed 10 - Questions Bible Study 4 - 8:30 - Illinois, Global Arts	12 11 - Staff Meeting 7 - Narcotics Anonymous, Nar-Anon; Praise Band	13 5:15 - Bible Crunchers 6:30 - Lakeview Garden Club 6:30 - Chancel Choir 6:30 - Via de Cristo	14 10 - Morning Glories 10:30 - Office Angels 2 - Amici di Martino Studenti Italian 3:30-7 - SOS St John's 4-6 - IL Global Arts 6 - 8:30 - Hindu Worship 6:30 - Bell Choir; MEHCCA	15 Newsletter Deadline Pastor Sabbath	16 Pentecost 23 8 - Men's Breakfast Fellowship 9 - Le Leche League 3:30 - Praise Band 5 - Worship 6:15 - Fellowship/ 6:30 - Worship Visioning
17 Pentecost 23 8 - Worship 9:15 - Confirmation; Adult Bible Study; Hospitality 9:30 - S.S.; H.S. Class 10:45 - Worship 12 - Worship Visioning 4-6 - HS, Youth, Hoelschers 4 - 8 - IL Global Arts	18 10 - Questions Bible Study 10:30 - Staff Meeting 11:30 - Serendipity Book Club 4 - 8:30 - Illinois, Global Arts Academy 6:30 - Church Council	19 7 - Narcotics Anonymous, Nar-Anon	20 5:15 - Bible Crunchers 6:30 - Chancel Choir	21 10:30 - Office Angels 2 - Amici di Martino Studenti Italian 4 - 6 - IL Global Arts 6 - MOC Board 6:30 - Bell Choir; Recovery 360 Family Support	22 Pastor Sabbath	23 Christ the King 9-2 - Liturgical Dance Workshop 3:30 - Praise Band Stewardship Dedication Youth Bake Sale 5 - Worship 6:15 - Fellowship
24 Christ the King Youth Bake Sale Stewardship Dedication 1st Communion 8 - Worship 9:15 - Hospitality; SS; Conf.; Adult Study, H.S. Class 10:45 - Worship w/Liturgical Dance/1st Communion 12 - Hymn Planning 4 - 8 - IL Global Arts	25 10 - Questions Bible Study 10:30 - Staff Meeting 4 - 8:30 - Illinois, Global Arts Academy 6:30 - Transition Team	26 7 - Narcotics Anonymous, Nar-Anon; Praise Band	27 9:30 - Newsletter Assembly 10 - Office Angels	28 Thanksgiving Office Closed	29 Office Closed	30 Advent 1 Andrew, Apostle 3:30 - Praise Band 5 - Worship 6:15 - Fellowship

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