



November
newsletter
2021

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"Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and he divided the two fish among them all." Mark 6:41

In this Gospel story, Jesus and his disciples become the stewards of a gift of five loaves and two fish. By itself, it is not enough to provide for the needs of those present. But Jesus looked up to heaven. He gave thanks for what they had. Then he blessed and broke and gave. And a small gift became an abundant resource. Jesus was able to reach his goal of feeding the crowd without sending them away to fend for themselves.

November is the month in which OLLC focuses on financial stewardship. First let me say that I know that you the members of OLLC give in other ways. I see you invest your energy, your time, your skills, your talents, and your prayers. Stewarding those resources is very important. And I thank you for sharing of yourself in all those ways.

This month we focus primarily on financial stewardship. In the fall of 2019 through a congregational devotional booklet, we explored Bible verses that are foundational to growing in generosity. And a simple one page worksheet gave each of you a little insight into what money means to you. Last fall, the theme was "Your Money Story". Many of you appreciated the chance for deeper reflection on your history with money. This year we will focus on ways to grow in generosity and why you might want to do so. There is no place for shame in the area of financial stewardship. It is not "one-size-fits-all". You are each at a different place in your money story, your relationship with this congregation, and the hopes and dreams you have for your future and ours. Giving to the church is an investment in the mission, vision, and values we share. The saints of this congregation who have gone before us invested in this faith community. November gives us a chance to give thanks for their legacy. Then, on November 20 & 21, we gather what we are able to give (in the form of pledges for 2022), lay it all before the altar, and trust that as our financial giving is blessed and distributed we will reach our goal of living out the values that make Our Lord's Lutheran so special.

-Pastor Darla Ann



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NOVEMBER SERVICES

A Month Of Giving Thanks

This month has two special church festivals and two national holidays. **All Saints** celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who make up the body of Christ. We remember all who have died in the faith and now serve around the heavenly throne. We grieve for our beloved dead as well, knowing that God honors our tears. We give thanks for the ways in which these people have blessed our lives.

Veterans Day reminds us that we are called to welcome and care for returning veterans. Too often those who experienced war and combat are placed on the edges of society. We give thanks that the church is a community where veterans can share what they have endured and be supported through prayer and conversation.

The Reign of Christ concludes the Church Year with a celebration of a king who is unlike any earthly king. Jesus commands our loyalty not by force but because he has given himself for us in love. We give thanks for the promise of a day when he shall rule with justice and compassion.

Thanksgiving Day unites us across religious differences. People of many faith traditions (and no tradition at all) give thanks for an abundant harvest. Being able to gather family for a feast is no longer taken for granted. Prayers for good health and civil conversations will precede this year's celebrations.

Scriptures for Weekend Worship

November 6 & 7 **Daylight Saving Time Ends**

All Saints Sunday
Isaiah 25:6-9;
Revelation 21:1-6a;
John 11:32-44
"Rejoice in God's Saints"

November 13 & 14
25th Weekend after Pentecost
Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25;
Mark 13:1-8
"Treasure in the Midst of Trials"

November 20 & 21
Dedication of Financial Commitments
Reign of Christ Sunday
Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14;
Psalm 93;
Revelation 1:4b-8;
John 18:33-37
"Laying It All At the Feet of Jesus"

November 27 & 28
First Sunday of Advent
Jeremiah 33:14-16;
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13;
Luke 21:25-36
"Fulfilling the Promise"

Saturday Services | 5:00 PM
Sunday Services | 8:00 AM & 10:45 AM

5 pm and 10:45 am services will be livestreamed and available to view on Our Lord's YouTube channel. Outdoor services and 8 am services will not be livestreamed.

CHERY SIDES RETIREMENT



In September of 1983, Chery Sides began playing as organist here at Our Lord's. For 38 years she has poured her heart into the music she has offered to God. She has supported our singing and blessed our spirits with the preludes, postludes, and offering music she gave. Chery has decided it is time to retire. Her gifts as a musician have enriched our worship life. We will miss seeing her on the organ bench and hearing the notes as only she can play them. But we will enjoy having her sitting beside us in the pews as we worship God together. Together, we give thanks for her magnificent talent and her deeply rooted dedication to the family of God here at Our Lord's.

"IN THE WORKS"

Current job opportunities:

- Director of Non-Traditional Worship Music - The job tasks include: Rehearsing and directing Praise Team that provides music for Saturday 5 pm Worship Service, Christmas Eve, and Holy Week.
- Facebook Coordinator - The job tasks include: Providing up to date information to Facebook members regarding Our Lord's Lutheran Church in a non-threatening, positive, inviting, unifying, easily accessible way.
- Director of Youth, Emerging Adult, and Family Ministries - The job tasks include: Providing leadership for social and educational engagement for youth, emerging adults, and young families consistent with the mission, vision, and values of the congregations served.



Questions being raised:

A few members of our congregation have asked, "Do we need two services on Sunday?" The new single service would be at a different time, and we need to consider how that would impact our Sunday morning educational offerings. We will do information gathering, think through pros and cons related to this, and will plan to bring a proposal to the Annual Meeting in January.

NOVEMBER GIVING EMPHASIS



This is the month when Our Lord's Lutheran Church focuses on financial stewardship. Be looking for a letter from your council president, Tom Steinmann, inviting you to make a financial commitment for the coming year. Pledge cards will be included in that mailing. Please bring them to worship (or mail them in) for the dedication during the worship service on Saturday, November 20, or Sunday, November 21.



FAIR TRADE STORE

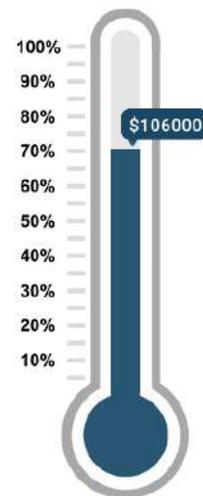
Friends. Hopefully I will be placing additional SERRV orders between now and a few weeks before Christmas. Do early shopping. Please check your catalogs and the Website. Also I have a not of great gifts in the Fair Trade Shop. ALL Jewelry is 20% off. Look for the bright yellow tags. Send me your sku's and I'll get right back to you with your Our Lords discount price. Mike - text (618)772-9260

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Restoring Our Lord's House

Funds collected to date exceed **\$106,000...**
thank you for your generosity!

Despite the challenges of the past year, we have moved forward and completed nearly all remodeling projects planned for OLLC. A final report will be presented to the congregation during the annual meeting in January. Thanks to the generosity of our members, contributions have exceeded \$106,000; we could not have done this without you. Final furnishings have been ordered and will be installed when delivered; unfortunately, items have been delayed by several months due to the pandemic. The fellowship hall floor moldings and a few other minor tasks are still on the to do list but the end of the project is near. Thank you for your prayers, your financial support, and your time and patience during the remodel. OLLC can now move toward a future with a renewed focus on community, ministry and sharing God's love.



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MINISTRY SUPPORT TEAM (formerly known as the Steering Team)

The Ministry Support Team met on Monday, October 11, completed plans for the OLLC Booth at the Maryville Fall Festival on October 16, and received reports from team members. The Fall Festival was very well attended and the weather was perfect for this free outdoor event for families.

At our next meeting we will discuss a talk by Lorna Davis titled "A Guide to Collaborative Leadership". We will also be working on the budget requests for each core area of our ministry as a congregation. We will submit these to the Council in time for their December 6 meeting. We ask all leaders of ministry teams to take a look at your plans for the coming **4** year and submit projected funding needs to the church office by **Friday, November 5.**

COUNCIL BRIEFS

Your Church Council held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, October 18. Listed below are two of the highlights of our meeting.

- In an effort to help those with hearing concerns, we are resuming our search for a personal amplification system that is both effective and cost-efficient. If you have any expertise or advice to share in this area, please contact Laura Schoenecker.
- Our portion of the interview team for the Director of Youth, Emerging Adult, and Family Ministries has been established. Pastor Darla Ann Kratzer, along with Debby Gunderson and Kathy Hoelscher, will be joining three representatives of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Belleville. They are all excited to begin interviewing prospective candidates in the upcoming weeks!

Our next Council meeting will be held on Monday, November 15. Please contact any of the Council members (Pastor Darla Ann, Laura Schoenecker, Linda Hester, Max Eakin, Dana Callahan, or Tom Steinmann) if you have any concerns that need to be addressed.

A link to the approved minutes from the previous month's Council meeting is provided here: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1z6-pRPlzs_xN05Rk91DIs27VbgZcff5t?usp=sharing

MUSICAL OPPORTUNITIES

Christmas Youth Chorus

All school age singers are invited to join us for songs, laughs, and friends this Christmas season!

Schedule:

- November 19, 6-7 pm (rehearsal)
- December 3, 6-7 pm (rehearsal)
- December 10, 6-7 pm (rehearsal)
- December 11, 10 am (performance)*
- December 17, 6-7 pm (rehearsal)
- December 19, 5 pm (performance)**

Our Lord's Lutheran Church & Thomas Voice Studio invite you. . .

*Private recording for Our Lord's Lutheran Church, not open to the public. Recordings will be featured in OLLC's Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services and will be available for streaming and playback on Youtube.

**Live performance (open to the public) as a part of Thomas Voice Studio's Winter Recital.

OLLC Chancel Choir

Time: Wednesdays 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Performances: 2 Sundays a month
Location: Worship Center



OLLC Handbell Choir

Time: Thursdays 7 pm - 8 pm
Performances: Monthly on the 3rd Sunday
Location: Worship Center



EDUCATION MINISTRY

Questions Bible Study

Mondays at 10:00 am

This study explores the topic of "Thinking About Religion And Violence." It looks at the factors involved in the increase in religious violence, including the history of religious violence, its multiple manifestations, its scriptural justifications, and how its perpetrators perceive the world. It also looks at the power of religion and violence individually and separately, the most common housings for religious violence, how religious violence is used to construct and police other kinds of identity, specifically race, gender, and sexuality, and will then shift to a course of case studies, including slavery and the persecutions of religious traditions like Native American religions, Catholicism, Judaism, Islam, and so-called cults, as well as violence within these traditions.

Fall Member Course

Mondays at 1 pm

"Making Connections," a set of gatherings for those interesting in a deeper relationship with Our Lord's Lutheran, will meet through November 8. It takes place in the Worship Center Commons. This time of conversation and learning is not just for new members. What does the pastor teach about our identity as Lutheran Christians? What is our work as the people of God in this place and time? Come and find out!

Bible Crunchers:

Wednesdays at 5:00 pm

Everyone is welcome to participate. We meet at 5 pm on Wednesdays in Drost Park, Shelter 5. In case of inclement weather, we will meet in the Commons area at the Worship Center. To sign up for Bible Crunchers updates, text **@bcrunchers** to **81010**.

Morning Glories Bible Study

2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 10:00 am

Fall 2021: The Gift Of The Spirit

The Rev. Sara Olson-Smith, associate pastor at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Davenport, Iowa, will help us track the Holy Spirit's actions throughout the Bible and throughout our lives. We'll explore how the Spirit moves God's people into adventures and lives we would never dare risk on our own.

Session 3: Wind of God: Refiner and Re-router (November)

The Holy Spirit is the wind of God, moving us into deeper faithfulness and more authentic love. We'll see the ways in which God's Spirit moves us to bear good fruit in the world and refines us into our truest selves. We will also follow the Spirit's movements through the early church to see how the Spirit re-routes God's people, guiding us into transformed lives and renewed communities of faith.

Adult Bible Study

Sundays at 9:15 am

This study addresses the question of "How Jesus Became God." The course covers the transformation of Jesus from Jewish preacher to Lord God within its historical context, looks at the focal points of Jesus's ministry and whether he considered himself divine, examines the key event that promoted the idea that Jesus was God, and will study the Christian theological persuasions of the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th centuries.

EDUCATION MINISTRY CONT.

Confirmation Class

Sundays at 9:15 am

Our November Schedule:

November 7th - Moses & Wanderings - Anita Steinmann

November 14th - Of Tents & Kings - Ed Foppe

November 21st - The Psalms & Wisdom Literature - Ed Foppe

November 28th - Thanksgiving Break - no class

High School Sunday School & Youth Group

Sundays at 9:30 am

Fall greenery sales have been very successful! The deadline for greenery orders is **November 4**. Greenery will be delivered after Thanksgiving and pickup will then be coordinated.

2022 Gathering: Boundless! will take place in July of 2022 in Minneapolis, MN. The registration deadline for youth is November 14, 2021. Registration paperwork has been emailed out. Please contact the Church office for more information.

Elementary Sunday School

Sundays at 9:30 am

Elementary Sunday School (Pre-K – 5th grade) will be meeting in person at the Life Center (in the front office area) weekly at 9:30 am. Weekly kits are available to pick up at the Life Center during the week. We are currently looking for donations of individually pre-packaged snacks (cookies, crackers, etc.), construction paper, glue sticks, and other miscellaneous craft supplies.

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Serendipity Book Club

Our next meeting will be **Monday, November 15 at 11:30 am** in the Life Center conference room. Bringing your lunch is optional. We will be reading "This Tender Land" by William Krueger. The meeting will also be available on zoom for anyone who may find that more convenient.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86728416039?pwd=NVI2VGh2QmU5NVJ2czZFd24xUjVMT09>

Meeting ID: 867 2841 6039 Passcode: 388782

Tuesday Tea

Time: 3:00 PM Central Time - every week on Tuesday. All are welcome to join us for fellowship.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86839398550?pwd=cTZUVi8ycjNJS296ZnZ4U3ErTGtwQT09>

Meeting ID: 868 3939 8550 Passcode: 511171



"SPIRITUAL GIFTS" FALL MEMBER COURSE

Fall Member Course: "**Unwrapping Our Gifts**" - Worship Center Commons Area

Schedule:



Tuesday, November 2, 9, and 16 at 7:00 pm
Wednesday, November 3, 10, and 17 at 3:00 pm



This updated and condensed version of a course last offered here at Our Lord's in 2016 will be kicked off with a PowerPoint presentation by Rhonda Comrie. Classes will last approximately 90 minutes.

ALTAR FLOWERS

We are delighted to be resuming altar flowers! Our florist is **Shirl K Floral Designs** in Granite City, IL. The arrangements are \$30.00, there is a \$10.00 fee for delivery, and there is no sales tax since the church is tax exempt. You will pay the florist directly. Olivia will send out a weekly reminder to those providing flowers to call the florist ahead of your scheduled weekend so that you may pay for your arrangement.

If you want specific flowers, colors, or wish to customize the arrangement (for a birthday, anniversary, in memory of someone, etc.), you will need to call them at (618) 797-6210. Please check with the church office in advance regarding custom flower arrangements and color schemes. You may take the flowers home after the late Sunday service or request to have them taken to a shut-in, someone in the hospital, or Elmwood Care Center for others to enjoy. Please just let the church office know.

You may sign up for altar flowers using the calendar on the sacristy door or by contacting the church office directly. Olivia will then check weekend availability and can reserve you a spot. All weekends in 2021 are reserved at this time. The full 2022 calendar is on the door of the sacristy. Thank you!

BUILDING USE POLICIES

Masks are currently required during indoor worship services, meetings, and other gatherings. Capacity limits for worship services, meetings, or other gatherings are currently the maximum number the space is designed to hold (per the Fire Marshall). You may sit wherever you want during worship services. Spaces in the Worship Center and Life Center Buildings may be reserved for group meetings by contacting our Administrative Assistant, Olivia, via phone or email (listed below) and we ask that you continue to disinfect the space after your group has used it.

We will continue to update building usage policies in accordance with national and local safety guidelines regarding COVID-19.

Reserve your space: **(618) 345-5692**

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or love2haveu@ourlords.org



1. Saturday, November 13 is a Yard & Garden Clean Up Day. CFIA volunteers will visit the homes of community members from 1:30-3:30PM to help clean up their yards and gardens. This is raking and tidying the garden for people over the age of 60 and adults with disabilities who need assistance with such work. This is a free service, but registration is required. Call 618-344-8080 to register for the free service or to volunteer with us.

2. Did you know smoke detectors expire? Stay off that ladder and let us help! Collinsville Faith in Action has partnered with the Collinsville Fire Department to offer a free smoke detector inspection and upgrade to people 60 years of age and older and adults with disabilities. Rather than risking a fall by changing the batteries in your smoke detector, call 618-344-8080 to get this FREE service. Trained firefighters will change the batteries in all smoke detectors in the home, or, if necessary, replace the smoke detectors with new ones. Registration is required, but the service is free. There is no charge for the batteries, replacement smoke detectors, or service. Call 618-344-8080 to register.

3. Field trips, luncheons, and social connections! Each month, Collinsville Faith in Action offers a fun get-together and lunch for people ages 60 and over and adults with disabilities. This is a FREE service, and we will assist with transportation for those who would like to join us but need a ride. In the last few months, we've met for a trivia competition, travelled to Pere Marquette, and toured the Willoughby Heritage Farm and Conservation Center in Collinsville. We welcome new participants who want to join the fun and make new friends. Call 618-344-8080 to join us for our next gathering on November 17.

In gratitude, Lisa C. Brennan

WORKER BEES



	Riding Mowers	Trimmers
November 4-6	Ted Nemsky	Tom Messina
November 11-13	Scott Comrie	-
November 18-20	Chuck Jorgenson	Steve Hoelscher
November 25-27	Jim Spencer	Tom Steinmann



November Chefs
Rod Orr
Max Eakin

The Worker Bees' Meeting and Breakfast is on **Saturday, November 6th** at 7 am in the Fellowship Hall. If you feel comfortable, please come out for fellowship and church work. If you plan on attending, please confirm by email or text to Steve Hoelscher.

REMINDERS

PRAYER LIST - Please let Olivia know if you would like to add a new person, remove a current person, or change the status of anyone on our prayer list.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - Reminder: Newsletter Deadline (to submit articles for December's Newsletter): Monday, November 15.

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.

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

CENTRAL SOUTHERN ILLINOIS SYNOD (CSIS) WEB SITE: www.csis-elca.org

ELCA WEB SITE: www.elca.org

If you would like to receive text message updates regarding outdoor services, special events, and emergency notifications such as cancellations, you can now sign up for Remind. Simply follow the instructions below to be added to our list.



To sign up for updates regarding weekday outdoor services, text **@ollcpines** to **81010**.

To sign up for updates regarding Saturday services, text **@ollcsat** to **81010**.

To sign up for updates regarding Sunday services, text **@ollcsun** to **81010**.

To sign up for updates regarding the monthly bike ride, text **@ollcbike** to **81010**.

ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS



Birthdays

Zachary Tiemann
Christopher Diggs
Dan Homes
Patrick Noga
Sara Davidson
Shelly Trucano
Alex Williams
Tom Messina
Keegan Pugh
Kolby Pugh
Don Baden
Lydia Blind
Lisa Goodwin
John Puricelli

Robert Schorr
Susan Peterson
Susan Rimar
Megan Sallee
Elizabeth
Beauchamp
Paul Kampwerth
Don Klingsick
Carol Orr
Clayton Helms
Carol Helf
Caryl Kassing
Beverly Husbands
Briley Bruninga

Anniversaries



Kevin & Beth Giese
Jeff & Donna Beauchamp
Chad & Caitlyn Baczewski
Joe & Denise Cigliana
Justin & Kirby Orr
Rod & Carol Orr
Jeff & Hilda Scheiter



*Congratulations to Brad & Brittany Homes,
who were married at Our Lord's on
October 16, 2021.*



PRAYER CONCERNS

PRAY FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Harleigh Johnson David Sachtleben
Bob Meyer Nancy Lutz
KC Jensen Tracy Sides
Kevin Wyvell Bonnie Isom
Fritz Nemsky Luella Meyer
Charles Lozier Kathy & Stan Larson
Judy Douglass Craig & Jo Albright
Angel Lipham

PRAY FOR OUR CONGREGATION

Kim Payne Karen Tilashalski
Dan Homes Chery Sides
Linda Spencer Lance Wellener
Jim Lemke Brian Kassing
Bill Davidson Sue Green
Georgia Rinkel Matt Gross
Robin Wellener Pastor John Lottes
Lisa White Emily Truckenbrod
Deanne Holshouser

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING

Family and friends of:

Emily Snowden

Alex Gray

PRAY 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
Charles Homes
Zach Huff
SrA Lucas Maue
John Meyer
Zachary Neubauer
Amador Ochoa
Josh Pace
Scott Prengel
Jake Randall
Jack Scoles
PFC Eric Shelton
Staff Sgt. Skipper Smith
Sgt. Matthew Spencer (Ret.)
Staff Sgt. Stephan Spencer
Erica Webb, US Private E-3

PRAYERS OF JOY & THANKSGIVING

Harleigh Johnson's parents got great news from the doctors recently. After many setbacks, surgeries, and hospitalizations for observation, Harleigh got the best report she's had since being born. Thank you to everyone who prayed for her. Her family has felt love from all who have been holding them up in prayer.



LICMA

The current mission statement of Our Lord's will continue to be used to guide our work as a congregation. Many in the congregation are familiar with and "own" this statement:

"Called to share Christ's love with all."

Using the congregational survey, the team has identified values that our church lives by. Five value statements describe the things that we, as a congregation, will always do.

Based on our belief that Jesus is Lord and Savior, we value:

- Worship that celebrates our hope through Jesus' resurrection
- Relationships that manifest God's grace
- Compassion for all
- Christian education that encourages faithful questioning and exploration
- Inclusive decision making

Our next step will be to share the ways these values are lived out in ministry result areas through upcoming weekly videos, sermons, and future newsletter articles. These values will also be discussed in the "Making Connections" fall member course, which is currently meeting on Mondays at 1 pm in the Worship Center Commons area.

FINANCIAL NEWS

Total receipts for September 2021	\$28,172 (anticipated budget amount of \$30,583)
Total expenditures for September 2021	\$29,549 (anticipated budget amount of \$31,748)
Total receipts for 2021 as of 9/30/2021	\$291,693 (anticipated budget amount of \$275,247)
Total expenditures for 2021 as of 9/30/2021	\$349,589 (anticipated budget amount of \$285,738)
Mortgage principal paid in September 2021	\$3,020
Total mortgage paid in 2021	\$25,117
Remaining principal on mortgage	\$50,376
Cash - Unrestricted	\$27,315 (CD \$25,000 matures in December 2021)
Cash - Designated	\$72,237

The above receipts and expenditures includes the Restoring Our Lord's House campaign, VIF/BOOM, and designated "pass-through" gifts.

TREASURER'S REPORT
As of September 30, 2021

Submitted by Max Eakin
10/18/2021

Fair Trade Store

Mike Williams
vablu2@aol.com

Newsletter

Olivia Cross
love2haveu@ourlords.org

Sunday School & VBS

Lisa White

Facebook

tbd



LOOKING AHEAD

DECEMBER

- Greening of the Church, Dec 4
- Fair Trade Christmas Store, Dec 10-11
- Christmas Program, Dec 11-12
- Newsletter Deadline, Dec 15
- Fair Trade Christmas Store, Dec 17-18
- Christmas Eve, Dec 24
- Christmas Day, Dec 25
- Christmas With Our Neighbors, Dec 25
- Annual Reports Due, Dec 30
- New Year's Eve, Dec 31

JANUARY

- New Year's Day, Jan 1
- Baptism of Our Lord, Jan 8-9
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Jan 17
- Newsletter Deadline, Jan 18
- Annual Congregational Meeting, Jan 30



Mark your calendars for these upcoming events and special observances. All events are subject to change due to COVID-19.

FEBRUARY

- First Day of Black History Month, Feb 1
- Presentation of Our Lord, Feb 2
- Valentine's Day, Feb 14
- Newsletter Deadline, Feb 15
- President's Day, Office Closed, Feb 21
- Transfiguration of Our Lord, Feb 26-27

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

OLLC Staff

The Rev. Dr. Darla Ann Kratzer, Pastor
Olivia Cross, Administrative Assistant
TBD, Director of Non-Traditional Music
Cady Thomas, Director of Worship Music for Sundays and Special Services
Dr. Rhonda Comrie, Organist
Matt Gross, Streaming Tech
Jenna Lathrom, Sound

LICMA

Dr. Laura Schoenecker
(Council Representative)
Dr. Rhonda Comrie
(Steering Team Representative)
Brian Henderson
Mike Hester
Stacie Kirk
The Rev. Dr. Darla Ann Kratzer

Church Council

Tom Steinmann, President
Dana Callahan, Vice President
Dr. Laura Schoenecker, Secretary
Dr. Max Eakin, Treasurer
Linda Hester, At Large
The Rev. Dr. Darla Ann R. Kratzer, Pastor

Steering Team

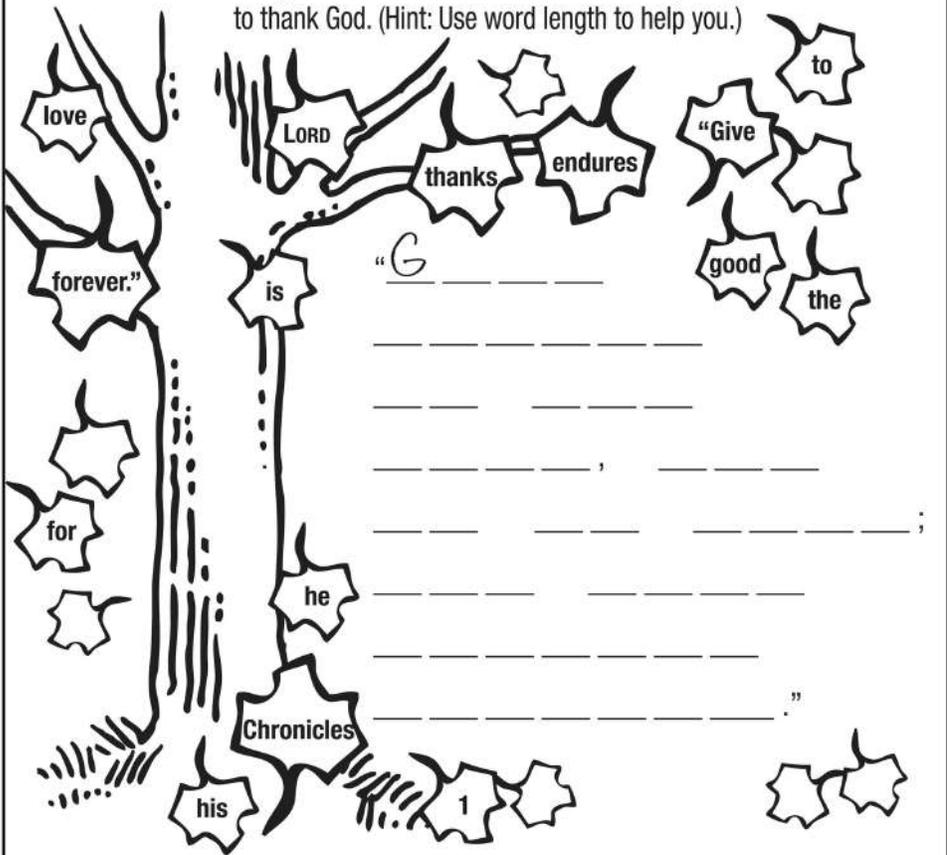
Ed & Laura Foppe, Steering Team Coordinators
Lyn Kampwerth (Education)
Dr. Rhonda Comrie (Fellowship)
Matt Blind (IT)
TBD (Service)
Kalonny Short (Worship)



Why we're thankful

Leaves falling from trees are a sign of autumn's arrival. Giving thanks to God is a sign of our gratitude for his many blessings.

Directions: Using the words in the leaves, discover why it's good for us to thank God. (Hint: Use word length to help you.)



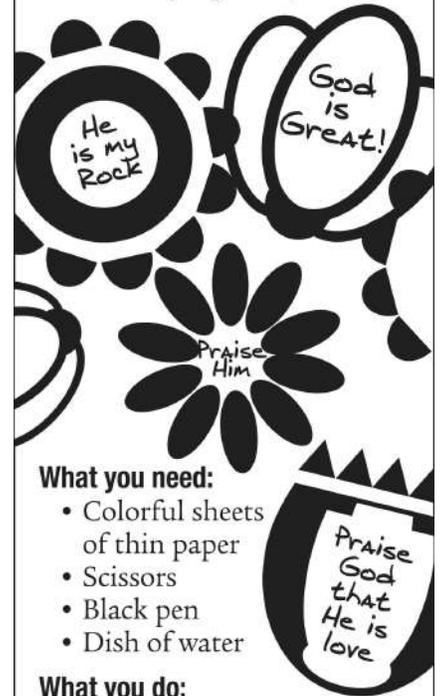
16:34, NIV

Answers: "Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever." 1 Chronicles 16:34, NIV



PRAISE-FILLED petals

Create an interactive display of God's provision for a Thanksgiving centerpiece.

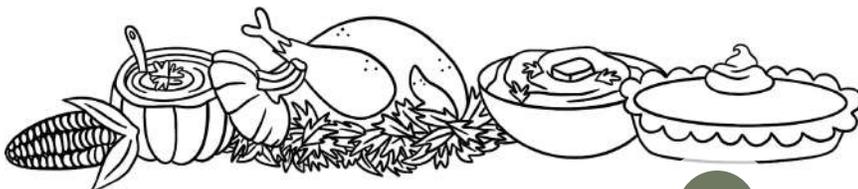


What you need:

- Colorful sheets of thin paper
- Scissors
- Black pen
- Dish of water

What you do:

1. From the paper, cut out various shapes and sizes of flowers and petals.
2. In the center of each flower, write a praise to God. Thank him for who he is and for answered prayers.
3. Fold petals inward, toward the center of each flower.
4. Gently place flowers on the water. Petals will slowly unfold to reveal the words.
5. Invite meal guests to participate in this centerpiece that blooms with thanks.



NOVEMBER CALENDAR

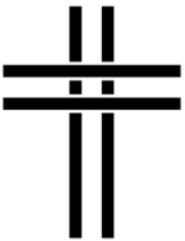
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
	1 All Saints' Day 10:00 AM Questions Bible Study 1:00 PM "Making Connections" Course 3:00 PM Music Lessons - WC 6:30 PM Education Summit Meeting	2 3:00 PM Tuesday Tea - Zoom 4:00 PM Music Lessons - WC 5:00 PM First Communion Training 7:00 PM Unwrapping Our Gifts - WC 7:00 PM NAR-ANON - LC Conference Room 7:00 PM Narcotics Anon - LC Basement	3 3:00 PM Unwrapping Our Gifts - WC 5:00 PM Bible Crunchers 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	4 4:00 PM Music Lessons - WC 7:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	5 Pastor's Sabbath 3:00 PM Music Lessons - WC	6 7:00 AM Worker Bees 3:45 PM Praise Band Practice 5:00 PM Worship: In-Building Praise Service	
7 Daylight Savings Time Ends 8:00 AM Worship: In-Building Traditional Service 9:15 AM Confirmation Class 9:15 AM Adult Bible Study 9:30 AM High School Sunday School Class 9:30 AM Sunday School (Pre-K - 5th grade) 10:45 AM Worship: In-Building Traditional Service - First Communion 12:00 PM Baby Shower - WC	8 10:00 AM Questions Bible Study 1:00 PM "Making Connections" Course 3:00 PM Music Lessons - WC 6:30 PM Steering Team Meeting	9 3:00 PM Tuesday Tea - Zoom 4:00 PM Music Lessons - WC 7:00 PM Unwrapping Our Gifts - WC 7:00 PM NAR-ANON - LC Conference Room 7:00 PM Narcotics Anon - LC Basement	10 3:00 PM Unwrapping Our Gifts - WC 5:00 PM Bible Crunchers 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Lakeview Garden Club Meeting - WC	11 Veterans Day 10:00 AM Morning Glories 4:00 PM Music Lessons - WC	12 Pastor's Sabbath Church Office Closed 3:00 PM Music Lessons - WC	13 3:45 PM Praise Band Practice 5:00 PM Worship: In-Building Praise Service	
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