

November

newsletter

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PASTOR'S COLUMN

"Layers"

Crisp morning air combined with still warm midday hours mean we have reached a layering season of the year. Layers of lighter weight clothing make it easier to be comfortable throughout the day. Very soon layers of leaves will cover the ground. Layers of activity fill our days as the fall sports season has not yet ended even as other sports begin. Some of you have full schedules cheering on your grandchildren at games and attending the first concerts and other performances of the school year. Some of you are running your children to practices, games, and performances. Others of you are making handcrafts, baking, and shopping for the upcoming holiday season. Our lives have many layers.

Life in the church is also multi-layered during the month of November. One layer is the focus on endings. All Saints weekend allows us to remember and cherish the lives of those who have died in the past year. Scriptures for the second and third weekends of the month move our thoughts toward the end of time. The upcoming Thanksgiving holiday adds a layer of gratitude. (As a contentious election season draws to a close, we will need to focus on good and beautiful things so our weary spirits may be renewed.) One more layer, that closely relates to our gratitude, is the November financial stewardship focus. This is the time of year we ask you to look at how you financially support the mission of our congregation. We serve one another by providing worship, education, and fellowship. Each week in November, you will hear about one of these areas and what it means to someone in our congregation. Every dollar that goes to the General Fund is as valuable as the dollars given for special appeals. Through your regular giving, you support the spiritual growth and healing that takes place under our roof. For that I am grateful.

--Pastor Darla Ann

**Don't forget to turn
clocks back one hour
before going to bed on
November 2nd!**

Our Lord's is taking applications for the following positions:

Administrative Assistant
Director of Music for Sunday Worship & Special Services
Accompanist for Sunday Worship

Job descriptions are available by contacting the office.

Interested applicants should send letter of interest and resume to love2haveu@ourlords.org



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NOVEMBER WORSHIP

November 2 & 3

All Saint's Weekend
Isaiah 25:6-9; Revelation 21:1-6a;
John 11:32-44
"Tears"

Under Our Roof: Worship

November 9 & 10

25th Weekend after Pentecost
1 Kings 17:8-16; Mark 12:38-44
"Enough to Give"

Under Our Roof: Education

November 16 & 17

26th Weekend after Pentecost
Daniel 12:1-3; Mark 13:1-8
"Walking Wet"

Under Our Roof: Fellowship (Two Baptisms on Sunday)

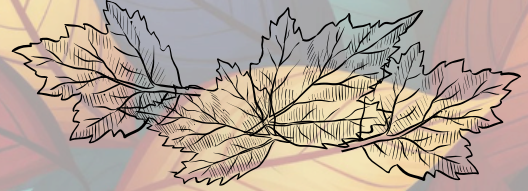
November 23 & 25

Christ the King Weekend
Psalm 93; Revelation 1:4b-8;
John 18:33-37
"The Victory of Love"

From Under Our Roof: 10% Makes a Difference (Dedication of Financial Commitments)

November 30 & December 1

First Weekend in Advent
Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-10
1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13; Luke 21:25-36
(Guest Preacher: S. Blake Duncan)



Saturdays at 5 pm

Sundays at 9 am

2nd Sunday at 10:45 am

5:00 pm and 9:00 am services will be livestreamed.

Listen to services using your phone or tablet!

Scan the QR code or download AudioFetch
on Google Play or iTunes.



NOVEMBER GIVING EMPHASIS – SHARING THE STORIES OF OLLC GIVING



WORSHIP



EDUCATION



SERVICE



FELLOWSHIP

"You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity"

2 Corinthians 9:11

Throughout the year, the Giving Emphasis Team has brought to your attention a number of special ministries that are some of the ways you can go above and beyond your regular offerings to grow in giving. As a congregation, you have listened to the stories of these ministries and responded generously. You have made a difference for so many people beyond our walls. This month we will be sharing with you the difference you are making "under our roof" through your regular giving to the **General Fund**. There is so much ministry taking place in this congregation. Ministry made possible by your faithful regular giving to the General Fund.

We hope you will participate in worship service (in-building or on-line) each weekend in November to hear from your fellow members of this congregation. They each have a story about how your giving has provided for the ministry they have received as they have worshiped, learned, or developed relationships within this congregation. You have invested yourself through the resources that God has given you – your prayers, your energy, and your money – in the mission of this congregation. Thank you for providing the fuel needed to fund the missional activities of Our Lord's Lutheran.

We are a faith community that serves people – both those under our roof and those beyond our walls. On the 4th Sunday of the month, before the Thanksgiving holiday, you will hear about the ministry done with the 9% of General Fund giving that is sent on to fund Synod and Church-wide (ELCA) ministries. You will also learn how 1% of your General Fund giving has been used to bless the local community.

There is so much to celebrate as we move toward Thanksgiving.
Thank you for investing in the mission and vision of this congregation!

Our Lord's Fall Bake Sale

Rolls, cookies, bar cookies, pies, cakes, granola...plan to buy your holiday treats!

November 23 & 24

Our Lord's Commons
(before & after worship services)



DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know **Collinsville Faith in Action** offers assistance for individuals 60 or older. Assistance with grocery shopping, companionship, respite for the family, minor home repairs, seasonal yard maintenance, social outings with other care receivers, Medicare enrollment assistance, Benefits Access (license plate discount and bus passes), and information about other possible benefits are available to residents of: Collinsville, Maryville, Caseyville, & Fairmont City. Residents in Troy & Granite City can receive assistance to/from medical appointments. Call 618-344-8080 for more information.

Did you know **Faith in Action- Edwardsville Glen/Carbon** offers many services to support the independence & well being of seniors age 60 and above within the Unit #7 School District. Assistance includes: running errands, shopping for groceries, providing companionship, giving rides to medical appointments, & providing respite care/relief for family caregivers. Contact 618-692-0480 for additional information.

Did you know the **Maryville Ministerial Alliance** offers assistance to Maryville residents or those attending Maryville churches with utilities, rent, medical supplies or other critical needs; assistance with food insecurities; and transient assistance. Contact 618-345-9693 for additional information.

MIND THE GAP

Our congregation members continue to be generous in their varied ways of supporting Mind The Gap.

The following list includes some continuing needs and a few new requests:

- Hand towels and wash cloths
- Small jars of peanut or other nut butters
- Socks - athletic white for men/your choice for women
- Underwear s/m/l for both men and women
- Small flashlights and batteries
- Winter gloves
- Sweatshirts with hoods
- Insulated shirts or pants for cold weather
- Warm blankets and sleeping bags
- Chemical hand or toe warmer packs
- Large backpacks

New & gently used items are accepted. Place all donations in the "Mind The Gap" bin in the narthex.

A small, but devoted team of volunteers have been taking turns providing hot meals to serve 60 persons on the second Tuesday of each month as well as the few times the regular MTG cook is unavailable. If you would like to make a meal for MTG, please contact Carol Gocken (618)531-7824.

NOTE: Food costs may be submitted for reimbursement.



WELL CARE HOME PROJECT

Worship Services for Well Care Home Residents (Formerly Elmwood)

Pastor is leading a short worship service for Well Care Home residents on site on Tuesday mornings. Services last 30 minutes or less. The service format is flexible enough to accommodate a lay-led services. OLLC members who are interested in being a part of the services or willing to fill in on occasion, are encouraged to contact Pastor Darla Ann.

Adult Education on Sundays will change effective January 2025.

Dona Racich will no longer lead Bible Study Classes on Sunday mornings. Dona's class will meet only on Monday mornings effective January 1, 2025.

OLLC would like to continue offering adult programming on Sunday mornings. In order to do this, we need your input to determine what will be included in the learning experience. Considerations include guest speakers, informal discussions, life event talks, travel logs, traditional Bible Study programming, lecture series, the possibilities are endless. Think about what you would like to see for adult learners on Sunday mornings.

If you have ideas of what should be planned for adult learning during the education hour please contact Pastor or the church office.



To make Sunday Morning Adult Learning a success, participants and a leader is needed. Consider being part of a discussion and planning adult education on Sunday mornings.

EDUCATION AT OUR LORD'S

CLASSES for All Ages

PRE-SCHOOL - FIRST GRADE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays in the Life Center in Room 4 at 10:15 am!

ELEMENTARY SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays in the Life Center in Room 2 at 10:15 am!

CONFIRMATION CLASS - grade 6-8

Sundays at 10:15 am

Class sessions this month are focused on worship. First we will learn more about baptism and communion. These young people are several years older than they were when they had their First Communion. Their minds can now comprehend more of what God does in our lives through the sacraments. Then, we will learn about the first part of each worship service: "Gathering".

Our first Field Trip is on Sunday, November 17th when we will tour the cathedral in St Louis at 1 pm. On November 10th, some of our students will be available to help lead the 2nd Sunday, 2nd Service at 10:45 am.

HIGH SCHOOL CLASS

Sundays at 10:15 am

Meets weekly in the Worship Center Youth Room except on the 2nd Sunday of the month when they teach or assist with classes for younger children in the Life Center.

OUR LORD'S YOUTH GROUP

OLY will not meet in November. In early December, they will bake desserts for the December 10th SoS Soup Kitchen.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY *Sundays at 10:15 am -- Conference Room (WC)*
QUESTIONS BIBLE STUDY *Mondays at 10:00 am -- Conference Room (LC)*

"The Historical Jesus" a 24 part lecture DVD series by Prof. Bart Ehrman

Everyone who has even the faintest knowledge of Jesus has an opinion about him, and these opinions vary widely--not only among lay people but even among historical scholars who have given their lives to the task of reconstructing what Jesus was really like, what he really said and did. This course is designed to explain why it has proved so difficult to know about the man behind the myth and to see what kinds of conclusions modern scholars have drawn about him. The course will be taught from a strictly historical perspective; no particular theological beliefs will be either affirmed or denied.

MORNING GLORIES BIBLE STUDY

2nd & 4th Thursdays @ 10:00 am in the Commons (WC)

Fall Session: "Receiving grace: A study of Ephesians" by Rev. Heidi Haverkamp

November discussion -
Living as children of the Light

What concrete advice can Ephesians give us on how to live a fuller, happier life? What poetic inspiration can it offer us for living as Christians?

FEEDING THE SOUL

Wednesdays at 3:00 pm LC Conference Room
 Feeding the Soul will not meet November 27.

In November we continue the discussion of
Making Sense of the Cross by David J. Lose
New members are always welcome!



**OLLC will not be serving in November;
the next serving date is December 10.**

Assistance with preparation and serving the meal is needed.
Sign up on the signup sheet in the narthex.

Donations to support OLLC S.O.S. can be given via check, cash, or
Note "S.o.S." in the memo line. Contact Gail Jorgenson or the
church office with questions.

Worker Bees
Saturday, November 2

breakfast at 7:00 am
Church 8:00 am

If you plan on attending, please confirm
by email or text to Chuck Pugh.



OLLC FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

TUESDAY TEA ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21 AT MERIDIAN

On Thursday, November 21 at 2 pm, a
"Thanksgiving Tea" will bring together those who
have met by Zoom for tea on Tuesdays since early
in the pandemic with many OLLC
members who live at Meridian Village. We will
gather "in the flesh" and celebrate the upcoming
holiday with hot beverages, sweets treats, and an
hour of good conversation.



CRAFTS
& Laughs

**Next meeting will be
November 12 (winter/Christmas craft).**

Contact Cindy Pugh (618-334-1046) with questions.
Let Cindy know your plans to attend.



OUR LORD'S CRAFTERS

Crafters will not meet in November.
The next meeting will be December 4

We will meet in the Fellowship Hall
from 12 pm - 3 pm.
Contact Kathy Nehrt with any questions!

SERENDIPITY BOOK CLUB Book Club will meet November 18 at 11:30 am

for our discussion please bring a
book of your choice that shows
gratitude.

Bringing your lunch is optional. Zoom will be
available on request. New members ALWAYS welcome!



HERDING ALPHAS

"Herding Alphas"

OLLC ministry for families with children of the alpha generation!
(children born 2010 through 2025)

Saturday, November 9, 1 pm - 5 pm at Atomic Pinball Arcade in Wood River
January 19, time TBD (WC-FH) Board Games and food - entire congregation is invited
For additional information contact the church office.

FELLOWSHIP NOTES

Beginning November 2, Saturday Hospitality Hour will be lighter fare. Hosts are to provide either appetizers or desserts (not both). We hope this move away from a full meal on Saturday evenings will allow more people to participate in attending and/or hosting Hospitality Hour. The sign-up sheet for hosting is on the credenza under the woodcarving of Jesus.

MUSIC AT OUR LORD'S

Director of Music for Sunday Worship & Special Services

We are currently accepting applications for the position of
Director of Music for Sunday Worship & Special Services.

If you know of anyone that has work experience with leading choirs
and would be interested in working for Our Lord's in this capacity
please ask them to email a letter of interest and resume to:
love2haveu@ourlords.org

We are looking for an accompanist for Sunday Worship Services as well!

Praise
BAND

REHEARSALS:
Saturdays 3:30 pm
PERFORMANCES:
Saturdays 5 pm

Contact Olivia Cross for
additional information.
oecross@gmail.com



a home for everyone

"musical reflections on the season of Christmas"

presented by Our Lord's Lutheran Church



hot beverages and baked snacks
served beforehand

who:

Sharifa Black
Olivia Cross
Jacob Davis
Brian Gunderson
Benji Maynard
Cady Thomas Potts

when/where:

6:30 pm
Friday, December 20
150 Wilma Dr. Maryville,
IL 62062

this concert will take place
indoors in Our Lord's fellowship hall
free and open to the public
a freewill offering will be taken for:
mindthegapstl.org

all are welcome!



Shepherd Field Arts has been providing quality Holy Land olive wood carvings, including crosses, in the United States since 2008. It has been four years since Our Lord's hosted a display and sale of these items made by woodcarvers in and around Bethlehem. We are delighted to have Shepherd Field Arts return to OLLC before and after services on November 16 & 17.

This past year has been very difficult for our siblings in Christ who live in the Holy Land. During peacetime, many visitors to the Holy Land visit the Shepherds' Field and then stop at one of the wood carving shops nearby. Having just stood on the field where tradition says the angels visited the shepherds on the night of Jesus birth, it is natural for tourists to purchase nativity scenes.

Other favorite Bible stories, such as Noah's Ark, as represented in wood carvings are also popular.



But because of the war in Gaza, tourism has dried up and the people in Bethlehem struggle to make a living. We can help them by purchasing some of the beautiful olive wood items their skilled carvers have created.



Bethlehem olive wood is heavy, dense and durable with distinctive colors that include nuances of red and creamy pigments with irregular gray, brown, and wild black lines. It is very difficult to match the grain of two pieces since the pattern is completely hidden in the heart of the wood. This makes each piece unique for gift giving or admiring in your home. As it ages, the wood will become darker and richer in color thus making it even more beautiful.

CENTRAL-SOUTHERN ILLINOIS SYNOD UPDATE

Your Generosity Enhances the Work of the Synod



The ministry of the Central/Southern Illinois Synod happens because of the generous support of the 110 congregations that make up our synod. It is your continued generosity that makes synodical ministry happen in central and southern Illinois.

The Mission Support* received by the synod is broken down into five areas of ministry:

- **Ministry Through the ELCA** - provides ministry resources, global mission and companion synod support, churchwide staff, and support functions for the ELCA.
- **Provide Pastoral Ministry** - supports pastoral care for congregations and rostered leaders in all situations and circumstances.
- **Telling the Story** - equips synod staff and congregations to effectively communicate who we are and what we are about.
- **Supporting Ministry with Partners** - allows us to extend our scope of ministry by contributing to the work of seminaries, campus ministries, Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center, and Lutheran Social Services of Illinois.
- **Nurturing the Ministry of the Church** - facilitates Synod Council, synod committees and working groups to equip congregations for ministry and provide opportunities for all to grow their faith.

All of this is made possible by you, the congregations of our synod, and the faithful disciples who make up our congregations. Your generosity does indeed enhance the ministry of our synod. Thank you for your faithful support of the Central/Southern Illinois Synod.

*9% of General Fund Giving from Our Lord's is contributed to Mission Support

COLLINSVILLE FAITH IN ACTION

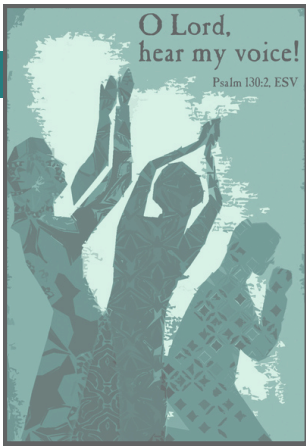


- Medicare's Annual Open Enrollment has begun and runs October 15 - December 7. Collinsville Faith in Action's Answers on Aging Specialist is trained and certified as a Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP) Counselor. He does not SELL insurance, but helps you review your current plan and other plans now available to you. Call 618-344-7788 to schedule your appointment for Medicare 2025. This is a free service, but you must schedule an appointment.

- Fall Yard Cleanup by Collinsville Faith in Action is scheduled for Saturday, November 9 from 2-4P. We'd love to have you, youth groups, families, and church groups join us as we head out to clients' homes to bag up leaves and yard waste. If you know someone who could use this service, they can sign up starting Friday, October 25. Volunteers can contact us now! 618-344-8080. A big thank you to the City of Collinsville and Collinsville Township for providing free pickup as part of the service!
- Collinsville Faith in Action is looking for an experienced bookkeeper to join our nonprofit team. This part-time position is a great opportunity to put your bookkeeping skills to work while also being a part of our good work in the community. We partner with churches, businesses, government, and civic organizations to assist residents 60 and older, and our offices are centrally located in the heart of uptown Collinsville. For more information and instructions on how to apply, please visit our website at <https://fiacollinsville.org/> or call us at 618-344-8080.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Everyone listed here is important to a person of the congregation. Please include them in your praying throughout the week so that they know and feel God's power and presence.



CONGREGATION MEMBERS

Don Klingsick	Joyce Tatjenhorst
Dan Homes	Brian Kassing
John Nehrt	Irene VanHooser
Rod Orr	Mike Williams
Don Simonson Sr.	Emily Callahan
Nicole Williams	Dave Chaffee
Keith Jensen	JoAnn Hartke
Greg Perkins	April Clark
Linda Spencer	Annie Jackson
Dona Racich	Cynthia Haggitt

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Jamie Moravec	Ozzie
Ken Bunetic	Joyce
Brock & Barbara Vinson	Grace
Tommy Banks	Tim Garber
Wesley Collier	Rose K.
Russell Doeblor	Lynn & Jim
Emily, Riley, Christy, & Justine	Jim R.
Carl Bruntjen	Nicci Essington
Shelley Bruntjen	Cathie Trickey
Darwin Reding	Dale & Carole
Michael Echevarria	March Banks
Dave Ritcher	Kitty Jo Edgar
David Yarber	Annetta & Ashley
	Penny Prengel

PRAY FOR JOYOUS OCCASIONS AND CELEBRATIONS

Our congratulations to David and Sarah Whitacre (Perry) on the birth of their daughter Lydia Rose Whitacre on October 16. This 8 lb. 3 oz, 21-inch baby girl is Sarah and David's third child. The proud grandfather is Steve Perry.

We rejoice with the Menz family who celebrated two family milestones in October. Jeff & Terry's son, Simon, married Sarah Hickey on Saturday, October 12th, in Spindler Park in Highland, IL. Their daughter, Caroline, had her White Coat Ceremony on October 20th at the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Veterinary Medicine.

PRAY FOR THOSE THAT HAVE DIED & FAMILIES THAT ARE GRIEVING

Those who lost loved ones during Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL

Lance Cpl. Clayton Campbell	Staff Sgt. Skipper Smith	Erica Webb, US Private E-3	Amador Ochoa
Major James Carmichael	Sgt. Matthew Spencer (Ret.)	SrA Paul Kampwerth	Capt. Blake Crosby
Airborne Ranger Keegan Crosby	Staff Sgt. Stephan Spencer	John Meyer	Josh Pace
Staff Sgt. Tyson Crosby	Zach Huff	Zachary Neubauer	Scott Prengel
SPC Bill Homes	Jake Randall		

CELEBRATIONS THIS MONTH

November Birthdays

Zachary Tiemann	Don Baden	Megan Sallee
Christopher Digs	Lydia Maye Blind	Elizabeth Beauchamp
Dan Homes	Lisa Goodwin	Paul Kampwerth
Sara Davidson	John Puricelli	Don Klingsick
Shelly Trucano	Jeanette Goetter	Carol Orr
Alex Williams	Robert Schorr	Clayton Robert Helms
Tom Messina	Susan Peterson	Carol Helf
Keegan Pugh	Jim Schickel	Caryl Kassing
Kolby Pugh	Susan Rimar	Briley Bruninga

November Anniversaries

Kevin & Beth Giese
Jeff & Donna Beauchamp
Nathan & Maureen Johnson
Chad & Caitlyn Baczewski
Joe & Denise Cigliana
Justin & Kirby Orr
Darrell & Roberta Wibben
Rod & Carol Orr
Jeff & Hilda Scheiter

REMINDERS

PRAYER LIST

Please let the office know if you would like to add a new person, remove a current person, or change the status of anyone on our prayer list. OLLC practice includes removing individuals from the prayer lists **after 8 weeks** unless an update is received.

PRAYER VENTURES

Two pages of monthly prayer support for ELCA ministries are available at: www.elca.org/Resources/Prayer-Ventures

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.

OTHER INFORMATION

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America -- <https://www.elca.org/>
Central Southern Illinois Synod -- <https://www.csis-elca.org/>

DECEMBER

- December 1- First Sunday of Advent
- December 4, 11, & 18 - Holden Evening Prayer
- December 6 - St. Nicholas Day
- December 7 - Greening the Church
- December 7 & 8 - "In Bethlehem Inn (A Habitat for Humanity Home)" - presentation by Dona Racich & Santa Claus will be at Worship Services
- December 15 - Children's Christmas Program
- December 20 - "A Season for Everyone" OLLC Concert
- December 22 & 29 - Education Classes on break
- December 24 - Christmas Eve
- December 25 - Christmas Day - Christmas w/ Our Neighbors
- December 31 - New Year's Eve

Giving Emphasis:
Christmas with Our Neighbors

JANUARY

- January 1- New Year's Day
- January 3 - Team Reports Due for annual report
- January 6 - Epiphany
- January 18 & 19 - begin Souper Bowl of Caring emphasis
- January 20 - Martin Luther King, Jr Holiday
- January 25 - OLLC Annual Meeting

FEBRUARY

- Feb 1 & 2 - Begin Souper Bowl of Caring for "Tote Me Home"
- Feb 8 & 9 - Souper Bowl of Caring, 2nd weekend, Super Bowl weekend
- Feb 14 - Valentine's Day
- Feb 15 - Spaghetti Dinner and Concert
- Feb 17 - President's Day

Giving Emphasis:
Tote Me Home

Souper Bowl of Caring & Annual Spaghetti Dinner/Concert proceeds go to "Tote Me Home"

OLLC MINISTRY TEAM

OLLC STAFF

The Rev. Dr. Darla Ann Kratzer,
Pastor

Accepting Applications
Administrative Assistant

Accepting Applications
Director of Worship Music for
Sundays & Special Services

Olivia Cross,
Leader of Non-Traditional
Worship Music

Dr. Rhonda Comrie,
Organist

Benjamin Maynard,
Worship Tech
Livestreaming Specialist
ProPresenter Slide Designer

CHURCH COUNCIL

Dr. Karen Cummings-Larson,
President

Dr. Emily Truckenbrod,
Vice President

Jeanette Goetter,
Secretary

Dr. Laura Schoenecker,
Treasurer

Linda Hester,
Member At-Large

The Rev. Dr. Darla Ann R. Kratzer,
Pastor

MINISTRY SUPPORT TEAM

Cindy Pugh: Fellowship

Ed Foppe: IT

Carol Orr: Service

Dr. Rhonda Comrie: Worship
Education Team Leader position
is currently vacant

Sunday School:
Lisa White

Fair Trade Store:
Mike Williams
vablu2@aol.com

Newsletter Editor:
K. Cummings-Larson

Facebook:
Maureen "Mo" Johnson

COUNCIL BRIEFS

Gratitude & Appreciation

I recently came across a devotion by Norman Vincent Peal about gratitude and appreciation. Peale suggests, every morning when you get up, instead of fretting and complaining, instead of turning to the media to see how bad everything is, just go and look out of the window. Take a deep breath and say,

"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever" -- Psalm 107:1.

Think about how much better it will make you feel if you follow that habit of gratitude every day!

"Thanks" was the unofficial theme of the October council meeting. We expressed gratitude for:

- the work of Alivia Kirk (with family and friends) for the completed landscaping of the Life Center and the additional gift of landscaping around the church sign,
- members that have agreed to serve on teams responsible for interviewing candidates applying for *Administrative Assistant* and *Director of Music for Sunday Worship & Special Services*,
- members that have agreed to serve on other special committees and teams,
- the Identity & Action Team and their work on reviewing the OLLC Mission, Vision, and Values,
- the progress on the solar project and the financial contribution made by members of Our Lord's (all permits have been received, just waiting for delivery and installation date),
- and for a giving, supportive, and loving congregation that despite challenges WILL ALWAYS step up and assist with whatever needs to be done in order that we can continue to do God's work.

All of us have simple, beautiful things that God has given us, which we appreciate. How long has it been since you have counted up your blessings?

Yours in Christ, *Karen Cummings-Larson*

If you would like to become involved in the leadership at OLLC, please contact Pastor Darla Ann or a council member.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Summary taken from report provided by OLLC Treasurer Laura Schoenecker
If you have any questions, please contact Laura at lswanso@siue.edu.

General Benevolence Income

September 2024..... \$17,562

General Benevolence Expenses

September 2024..... \$25,105

Cash - Unrestricted\$6,505

Cash - Designated\$94,361

Total Cash \$100,866

Thank you for sharing your financial resources with this congregation in support of the mission we share.

To give, simply scan this QR code with your smart phone. The QR code takes you directly to the OLLC giving page. On the giving page you have the opportunity to identify if your contribution is for Benevolence (church expenditures) or for one of the designated funds. Of course, cash or checks are always welcomed. No matter which method you choose when giving to OLLC, all donations received will help us sustain our ministries throughout the year.

During September:

- The balance of the Monthly Emphasis Fund at the end of September 2024 was \$289. The following were included in the total: Lutheran Campus Ministry (\$25), School Supplies (\$241).
- \$40,621** was given to "Here Comes the Sun" Solar Project Fund
- \$1,581** will be sent to Synod for Synodical Mission Support (9% of Benevolence Giving for month).



THANKS GON

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER.

Psalms 136:1, NIV

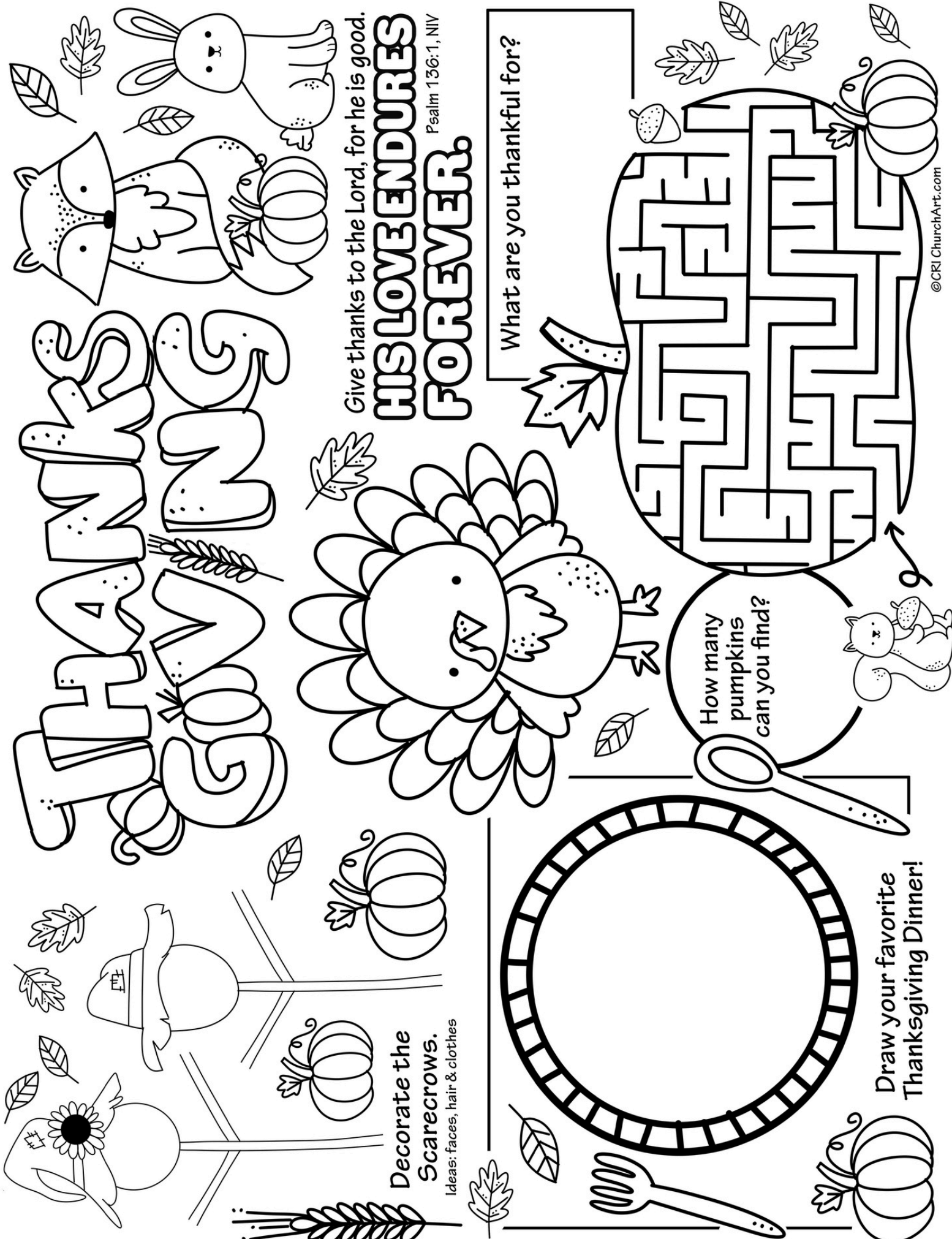
What are you thankful for?

How many pumpkins can you find?

Draw your favorite Thanksgiving Dinner!

Decorate the Scarecrows.

Ideas: faces, hair & clothes



NOVEMBER 2024 CALENDAR

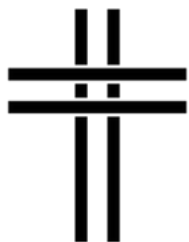
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
<div> <div>  <p>WORSHIP</p> </div> <div>  <p>EDUCATION</p> </div> <div>  <p>SERVICE</p> </div> <div>  <p>FELLOWSHIP</p> </div> </div> <div> <p>NOVEMBER GIVING EMPHASIS Sharing the Stories of OLLC Giving</p> </div>					<p>1 All Saints Day Pastor's Sabbath</p>	<p>2</p>  <p>7:00 AM Worker Bees breakfast 3:30 PM Praise Band Practice 5:00 PM Worship: Praise Service 6:15 PM Hospitality</p>
<p>3 All Saints Sunday</p> <p>9:00 AM Worship 10:15 AM Hospitality (Coffee, Teas, & Treats) 10:15 AM Education Classes - Pre-K, Elementary, Confirmation, High School Class, & Adult Bible Study</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10:00 AM Questions Bible Study - LC Conference Room</p>	<p>5 Election Day</p> <p>10:30 AM Worship Service at Well Care Home (Elmwood) 7:00 PM NAR-ANON - LC Conference Room 7:00 PM NA Recovery - LC Basement</p>	<p>6</p> <p>3:00 PM Feeding the Soul - LC Conference Room 6:30 PM Identity & Action Team - LC Conference Room</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 Pastor's Sabbath</p>	<p>9</p> <p>1:00 PM Herding Alphas @ Atomic Pinball Arcade 3:30 PM Praise Band Practice 5:00 PM Worship: Praise Service 6:15 PM Hospitality</p>
<p>10</p> <p>9:00 AM Worship 10:15 AM Hospitality (Coffee, Teas, & Treats) 10:15 AM Education Classes - Pre-K, Elementary, Confirmation, High School Class, & Adult Bible Study 10:45 AM Worship</p>	<p>11 Veterans Day</p> <p>10:00 AM Questions Bible Study - LC Conference Room 6:00 PM Girl Scouts - LC 6:30 PM Ministry Support Team - ZOOM</p>	<p>12</p> <p>11:30 AM Service at Well Care Home 3:00 PM Tuesday Tea-Zoom 6:30 PM Membership Inquiry Class 7:00 PM NAR-ANON - LC Conference Room 7:00 PM NA Recovery - LC Basement</p>	<p>13</p> <p>3:00 PM Feeding the Soul - LC Conference Room 7:00 PM Lakeview Garden Club Meeting - WC</p>	<p>14</p> <p>10:00 AM Morning Glories</p>	<p>15 Newsletter Deadline Pastor's Sabbath</p>	<p>16 Shepherd Field Arts @ OLLC</p> <p>10:00 AM La Leche League - WC 3:30 PM Praise Band Practice 5:00 PM Worship: Praise Service 6:15 PM Hospitality</p>
<p>17 Shepherd Field Arts @ OLLC</p> <p>9:00 AM Worship 10:15 AM Hospitality (Coffee, Teas, & Treats) 10:15 AM Education Classes - Pre-K, Elementary, Confirmation, High School Class, & Adult Bible Study 1:00 PM Tour STL Cathedral</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10:00 AM Questions Bible Study - LC Conference Room 11:30 AM Serendipity Book Club 6:30 PM Church Council</p>	<p>19</p> <p>10:30 AM Worship Service at Well Care Home (Elmwood) 7:00 PM NAR-ANON - LC Conference Room 7:00 PM NA Recovery - LC Basement</p>	<p>20</p> <p>3:00 PM Feeding the Soul - LC</p>	<p>21</p> <p>2:00 PM Tuesday Tea on Thursday at Meridian</p>	<p>22 Pastor's Sabbath</p>	<p>23 Christ the King Weekend</p> <p>Return Giving Commitments</p> <p>3:30 PM Praise Band Practice 5:00 PM Worship: Praise Service 6:15 PM Hospitality</p> 
<p>24 Christ the King Weekend</p> <p>Return Giving Commitments</p> <p>9:00 AM Worship 10:15 AM Hospitality (Coffee, Teas, & Treats) 10:15 AM Education Classes</p> 	<p>25</p> <p>10:00 AM Questions Bible Study - LC Conference Room 6:00 PM Girl Scouts - LC</p>	<p>26</p> <p>10:30 AM Worship Service at Well Care Home (Elmwood) 7:00 PM NAR-ANON - LC Conference Room 7:00 PM NA Recovery - LC Basement</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 Thanksgiving Day</p> <p>Office Closed</p> 	<p>29 Pastor's Sabbath Office Closed</p>	<p>30 First Weekend of Advent</p> <p>3:30 PM Praise Band Practice 5:00 PM Worship: Praise Service 6:15 PM Hospitality</p>

Return 2025 Giving Commitments the weekend of November 23/24.

**You will be enriched in every way for
your great generosity.**
2 Corinthians 9:11

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