

~ Pastor Gimbel



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"Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them,
for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."
Matthew 19:14

Direct your
Thrivent Choice
Dollars
Today!



Preschoolers had an exciting October. They studied community helpers, fire safety, farms, and pumpkins. The preschool had a field trip to Daniele's farm. The three's and four's classes learned about fire safety from Fire Department 9134. Preschoolers sang at the 3PM service on Oct. 11, and parents led a Disney party in the gym at the end of the month.

The children spent October learning about Moses and how God keeps His promises. Our Bible verse for October was Deuteronomy 6:5 "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might."

Please mark your calendars for our Christmas Program on Dec. 7 at 3PM! Our preschoolers are excited to sing for their parents and our church members. Thank you to everyone who showed up for Applebee's Dine to Donate! We raised \$299.09!



Four-year-olds visit with fire fighters on the parking lot.



Three-year-olds visit with the big ladder truck.



IMPORTANT NOTICE:
PRESCHOOL ROOMS 4-5, 7, 11-12
ARE PEANUT- & NUT-FREE 24/7
DUE TO A SEVERE ALLERGIC REACTION.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

Monthly Music Minute for November 2025

*A series in which the music director shares some thoughts
about the music coming up in church this month*

On Sun., Nov. 23, the adult choir will be singing an anthem entitled "Holy Emmanuel, God with Us Ever," with words and music by Lutheran pastor Paul D. Weber. The text is as follows:

*Holy Emmanuel, God with us ever,
Promised from long ago, the One True Light:
Come, fill us with your grace, scatter the
darkness,
Holy, Holy Emmanuel.*

*Holy Emmanuel, child of the Most High,
Word, full of grace and truth, in flesh and blood:
May we perceive your light amidst the darkness,
Holy, Holy Emmanuel.*

*Holy Emmanuel, keep us together.
Unite our lives through prayer; love never ends.
Comfort and fill our hearts with your strong
presence,
Holy, Holy Emmanuel.*

*Holy Emmanuel, hope for tomorrow:
Brighten the path we walk to endless day.
Until you come again we trust your promise,
Holy, Holy Emmanuel.*

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It's a wonderful prayer, to be sure; it's personal, comforting, and keeps everything focused on Jesus. There's more to the story of this anthem, though. Here's what Rev. Weber wrote about this piece:

"[This piece] was composed on Pentecost Day 2014 as I was driving home from Pittsburgh to North Carolina. I had just attended the final service of Holy Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Pittsburgh, the first congregation that I served as pastor from 1979-1986. Pentecost Day is the birthday of the church, but on June 8, 2014, it marked the closing of a congregation and the sending forth of its members to other churches. At the end of the liturgy, I was invited to recess with the baptismal bowl from which I had baptized two of our children. It was an uplifting day with inspiring worship and a banquet during which fond memories were shared, but it was on the way home that tears began to flow. I pulled off of

Interstate 79 and recorded this text and tune on my iPhone. The Holy Spirit was active in the lives of the saints of Holy Emmanuel."

With this backstory in mind, I encourage you to go back and re-read the text of this anthem again. It takes on a new meaning, doesn't it? Perhaps a little sadder, but perhaps a little bit more comforting at the same time. The text is obviously inspired by the name of the congregation, "Holy Emmanuel," but what Rev. Weber does with the text is quite special. Do you remember what "Emmanuel" means? Matthew 1:23 gives us the answer: "God with us."

I can only imagine how much the members of Holy Emmanuel Lutheran Church must've needed to hear that reminder, "God with us," as their church was closing. In truth, it's a reminder that I think we constantly need in our own lives. It's easy to feel close to God when things are going well. No doubt we all probably strongly felt God with us during our 65th anniversary celebrations, for example. But not everything in the Christian life is triumphant; not everything is celebratory; not everything goes as planned. Sometimes sickness strikes, families divide, churches close, and lives end.

Yet I am reminded of what the prophet says in Isaiah 40:8: "The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever." Even though the world may fail us, even though others may hurt us, we can always take comfort in this simple three-word promise: "God with us." He will remain with us even to the last day, when he promises to take us to himself in glory. And God *always* keeps his promises.

And so I encourage you, in good times and in bad, to make the final words of this anthem your prayer:

"Until you come again we trust your promise,  
Holy, Holy Emmanuel."

- David Gilson



All women of Holy Cross are invited to attend the meetings of either or both Guilds. Join us as we "serve the Lord with gladness" by raising funds for missions at home and around the world.

Holy Cross has two LWML groups:

Grace Evening Guild meets Tues., Nov. 11, 6PM.

Holy Cross Ladies Guild meets Fri., Nov. 14, 10AM.

## CRAFT EXPO

NOVEMBER 1, 2025

9AM to 3PM

### SHOPPERS WANTED

A great way to start on that Christmas gift list!

Featuring Custom Artwork, Woodwork,

Christmas Items, Jewelry ... and more!

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GRACE EVENING GUILD

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

Proceeds from vendor fees to Holy Cross Benevolence Fund



The Holy Cross Ladies Guild recently celebrated the 90th birthday of long-time guild member Becky Edgar. Cake and ice cream and some 1935 trivia were enjoyed by everyone! Happy Birthday, Becky!

## NOTES FROM GRACE GUILD

**COME to the CRAFT EXPO in the Holy Cross Gym.** Forty booths will be available for your browsing and buying pleasure! Many of our vendors are Holy Cross members, so come and support them! Donations and vendors' fees will be sent to Holy Cross Benevolence Fund.

At Grace Guild's Nov. 11 meeting, baskets for shut-ins will be filled with goodies. Guild members will deliver the items.

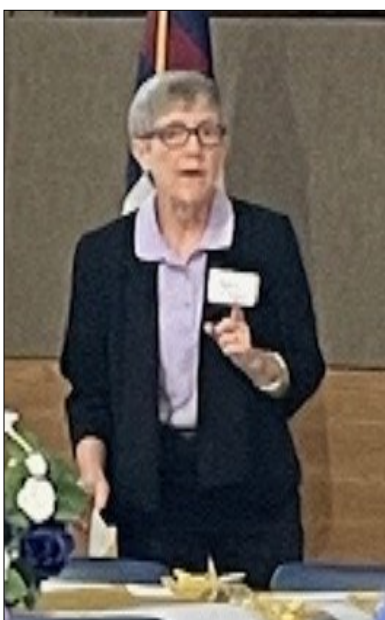
President Karen Copper decorated her car and gave out 100 baggies of candy corn with a lesson attached at the Trunk or Treat event on Oct 25.

At the October Ladies Guild meeting, the Holy Cross Quilters presented 36 quilts and 29 afghan lap quilts to representatives from Solace Hospice Center. Quilts will be gifted to patients at the Center at Christmas. Shown in the photo are Sharon Christopher and Barb Magruder from Solace and Norma Helms (center) from the Quilters' Group.





**HOLY CROSS LWML** members from both guilds attended the St. Charles Zone Rally held here on Sat., Oct. 18. Ladies Guild prepared the program and decorations, and Grace Guild provided the breakfast food.



Gail Hahn, LMWL St. Charles Zone vice-president, spoke about being "Equipped to Serve" in her mission trip to Africa.

Pastor Gimbel opened and closed proceedings with devotions. Pastor Gimbel was recently chosen as the Pastoral Counselor for the St. Charles Zone.



In September, the Holy Cross Ladies Guild welcomed guest speakers from the Youth In Need organization, which had been chosen as the recipient of proceeds from the recent Ladies Guild Rummage Sale. A check for \$2,542 was presented to Youth In Need Representatives Andy O'Donnell and Ronnie Marshall. Ladies Guild members also collected a large number of items from the Youth In Need wish list. Presenting the check was Barb Grosch, Rummage Sale Chairperson. Sincere thanks to everyone who supported the rummage sale.

## LOOK FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS REGARDING THE CANDY & NUT SALE:

Items should be arriving soon!

The Music Department of Holy Cross Lutheran Church presents:

# Thy New Creation

A Hymn Festival



Sunday, November 9, 3:00 pm

Reflect on everything God has made, as recorded in Genesis 1.  
As part of our 'Fearfully and Wonderfully Made' series.

Featuring the Adult Choir and Instrumentalists of Holy Cross Lutheran Church

The event is free and open to the public.

A free-will offering will be taken in support of the Music Department.

RESCHEDULED Event from October

## OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

Holy Cross will celebrate Pastor Appreciation Day on Sunday, November 2, during the Bible class hour.



JOIN US FOR A

# CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

DECEMBER 7, 2025

3:00 PM

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL  
STUDENTS WILL PERFORM SONGS AND POEMS!

PLEASE MEET US IN THE CHURCH NARTHEX  
AT 2:45 PM PRIOR TO TAKING YOUR SEAT.

8945 VETERANS MEMORIAL PARKWAY  
O'FALLON, MO 63366

## Special Music During Advent and Christmas at Holy Cross

**Saturday, 12/6, 3PM:** *Family Christmas Service*  
with Beginning Bells and Children's Choir

**Sunday, 12/7, 3PM:** *Preschool Christmas Service*

**Sunday, 12/21 3PM:** "In Bethlehem" A Service of Lessons and Carols with Orchestra, Adult Choir, and Handbells,

**Tuesday, 12/24, 3, 5, 7, and 11PM - Christmas Eve**  
Divine Services with Brass and Handbells at 5PM & 7PM.



**NOTE FROM COUNCIL PRESIDENT GREG EMERICK  
REGARDING THE BYLAWS REVISIONS:**

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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR WARMING SHELTER:** Are you looking for a way to serve your neighbor this winter?

Chapel of the Cross-St. Peters will be hosting a warming shelter during the weeks of Jan. 11, Jan. 25, and Feb. 22. They are looking for volunteers. The shelter will open any night during those weeks when the temperature is expected to be 20 degrees or below. Chapel needs help with greeting and registering people as they arrive (from 9-11PM) and overnight in two shifts: 11PM to 3AM, and 3AM to 7AM. If you are interested in helping or would like more info, please contact Jennie Bain at 636-288-3373 or [jenniembain@gmail.com](mailto:jenniembain@gmail.com). Thank you!

*The CHRISTmas Tree  
Family Christmas Service*

**December 6, 2025**



**CHECK DEADLINE DATES!!**



**HOPE SEEDS**  
Come & Join us!  
**October 2, 2025**  
**Gym, 9AM-Noon**

**MARK CALENDARS FOR THESE DATES:**

THE **FALL NEW MEMBER LUNCHEON** is on **Sun., Nov. 16**. Join the potluck dinner and meet our newest members. See News&Notes for details.

**VOTERS' ASSEMBLY:** Sun., **Nov. 23, noon**. A light lunch will be served prior to the meeting. Agenda items include the 2026 Budget and Board reports.

**CELEBRATION OF LIGHTS – WALK-THROUGH NIGHTS are coming:** The City of O'Fallon will have walk-through nights this year on **Dec. 7, 8, & 9**. Holy Cross will provide free parking in its parking lots and refreshments in the gym following walk-throughs. This is such a wonderful opportunity when our community comes to us, and we get to share Jesus and Holy Cross hospitality. We will be looking for people to serve refreshments, people to help park cars, and many ladies to provide cookies. Watch for sign-up sheets coming next weekend.

**CELEBRATION OF LIGHTS More Help Wanted:** On **Nov. 8** volunteers are needed for scene setup. Meet at 9AM at church. Gate Nights: **Dec. 8** at the back gate starting at 5:30PM -- six people needed; **Dec. 11** at the front gate starting at 5:30PM – six people needed. During the Holiday Stroll (Dec. 7-9), at least 2 volunteers are needed to hang out at the scene and greet visitors. Sign up sheets will be placed in the Welcome Center on Nov. 2. For more information, contact Elder Chris Price.

*Give blood.*

Every 2 seconds someone  
in the U.S. needs blood.  
**American Red Cross**



**Blood Drive**  
**Holy Cross Lutheran Church**

Gym  
8945 Veterans Memorial Parkway  
O'Fallon, MO 63366

**Thursday, November 13, 2025**  
**10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Please visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: HolyCrossLC to schedule an appointment.

Give blood + get thanked! Come to give Oct. 20-Nov. 16  
for a \$10 e-gift card to merchant of choice!



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## Trip to Perry County and Our Lutheran Roots

On Saturday, October 11, a bus load of Holy Cross members visited Altenburg and Frohna, MO to learn a little more about the early Lutherans who settled Missouri in 1838-39. We visited the Lutheran Heritage Center & Museum in Altenburg first which contained numerous articles from the first church at Wittenberg, MO down near the Mississippi River. The town and church no longer exist. The museum contained many musical instruments from that period as well as numerous personal items from the homes of the early immigrants.



Next two members from the museum took us into Trinity Lutheran Church located next to the museum and shared information about the immigration of the Saxon Lutherans in 1838 and the history of Trinity celebrating their 186 anniversary this year. They had a baptismal bowl that had traveled over from Germany in 1838 and a communion chalice that dated back to 1700. We then toured the Log Cabin Seminary located on the property which was the first training place for Lutheran pastors.

In the afternoon we went to Frohna and the Fall Festival at Saxony Lutheran Memorial. We enjoyed German food and music, had time to visit numerous craft displays, and learned the Schnitzelbank song. Brain and Jennie Williamson, ambassadors for Saxony Lutheran Memorial shared plans to make the 33-acre site into a retreat center for Lutheran pastors, teachers, and their families to recharge, heal and strengthen their faith. These retreats will provide support and renewal, fostering peace and restoration for those who serve the church and equipping them to continue their vital work with renewed energy and spiritual clarity.



Thanks to the elders for underwriting this fantastic day to learn more about our roots and possibly connect us to a way to enhance our future.



## Holy Cross Voters' Assembly

**Sunday, Nov. 23, 2025**

after the 10:45AM worship service

In the gym (around noon)

*All Holy Cross Voting Members are encouraged to attend.*

Attendance counts!

Contact Council Secretary Barb Grosch

(councilsecretary@hcross.com or 314.368.8142)

if you are unable to attend to get an excused absence.

### Agenda Items Include:

- ◆ Officer & Board Elections
- ◆ 2026 Budget Approval
- ◆ Council Board Reports

Please sign in when entering the meeting.  
Only a physical signature records attendance.

### New Members to Holy Cross:

Contact your Elder or the church office about becoming a Voting Member of Holy Cross.

A lunch will be served prior to the meeting.

### MENU:

Pasta dishes, salad and cookies



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~ Greg Emerick, Holy Cross Council President



**TELL THE NEXT  
GENERATION  
CONFERENCE**  
**NOV. 8**  
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
**LUTHERAN  
HIGH SCHOOL  
OF ST. CHARLES**

How can families live each day as disciples of Jesus, guided by His truth? The Missouri District's Tell the Next Generation Conference, Guided by God's Truth, is designed to encourage and empower homes to do just that. God's Word—His truth—continually strengthens us as we follow Him.

This practical and Christ-centered conference is for parents, grandparents, elders, Sunday School and youth leaders, teachers, church workers, and anyone passionate about building Christ-centered homes.

**Keynote:** Rev. Dr. Todd Biermann - Life in God's Way: Worldview, Family Discipleship, For ALL of Life

**Contact:** family@mo.lcms.org

**Cost:** \$20 (includes lunch)

**Registration deadline:** Oct. 24, 2025  
mo.lcms.org/guided-by-gods-truth



### Breakout sessions:

- Family Discipleship in Small Congregations — Dan Hall
- Scrolling Minds — DCE Christina Stackle
- Equipping Parents to Lead Homes in Faith Formation — Hannah Knehans, DFLM
- Bible, Catechism and Hymnal — DCE Pam Nummela
- Family Camp — Rev. Dr. W. Mart & Cheryl Thompson
- Understanding the Next Generation — DCE Charity Smith
- Developing a Culture of Family Discipleship — Rev. Andy Becker
- Faith & Life Survey — Matthew Knehans
- Teach Faith at Home — Rev. Steve Andrews, Jr.
- Partners in Parenting — DCE Maggie Tritten
- Advent & Lent Family Devotions — Andrea Trampe
- How to Reach Out in a Secular Age — Rev. Dr. Chad Lakies
- Parenting Middle Schoolers — Dr. Laura Fleetwood
- Speaking with One Voice — Rev. Dr. Gregory Truue
- Family Discipleship Facilitators Gathering — Moderator: DCE Pam Nummela



**Missouri District**  
THE LUTHERAN CHURCH — MISSOURI SYNOD

# November 2025: Holy Cross Lutheran Church Calendar of Events

| SUNDAY                                                                                                                                                  |    | MONDAY                                                                                                                                    |               | TUESDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |              | WEDNESDAY                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                             | THURSDAY                                                              |                                                                                                  | FRIDAY                                                                                                   |  | SATURDAY |                                          |
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| 26                                                                                                                                                      | 27 | 28                                                                                                                                        | 29            | 30                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 31           | 1                                                                                                                                                                     | NOVEMBER                                                                                                                                    |                                                                       | ALL SAINTS DAY<br>7AM– 3pm Grace Guild<br>Craft Expo<br>3pm Holy Communion                       |                                                                                                          |  |          |                                          |
| 2                                                                                                                                                       | 3  | 4                                                                                                                                         | 5             | 6                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 7            | 8                                                                                                                                                                     | 9AM Celebration of<br>Lights Scene Setup<br>(Elders & Volunteers)<br><br>3pm Holy Communion<br>4:30-6:30pm BASICS                           |                                                                       |                                                                                                  |                                                                                                          |  |          |                                          |
| ALL SAINTS DAY (OBSERVED)<br>8AM Holy Communion<br>9:30AM GYM—Pastries<br>with Pastors; Sunday Sch.<br>10:45AM Holy Communion<br>1:30pm Board of Elders |    |                                                                                                                                           |               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |              |                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                             |                                                                       |                                                                                                  |                                                                                                          |  |          |                                          |
| PRESCHOOL CLOSED<br>9:30AM TOPS<br>11AM Line Dancing<br>6:30pm Bell Choir                                                                               |    | PRESCHOOL CLOSED<br>9AM Quilting<br>10AM Women's Bible Study<br>12:30pm Staff Meeting<br>3pm Preschool Board<br>6pm Mission & Stewardship |               | 9AM Preschool Chapel<br>9:30AM Adult Bible Class<br>6pm Beginning Belis<br>6pm Children's Choir<br>6:30pm Midweek<br>6:30pm Confirmation<br>6:30pm LYF<br>6:45pm Adult Choir                                                       |              | 8AM News & Notes <u>Deadline</u><br>9AM Hope Seeds<br>6:30pm 20s&30s&40s<br>Bible Class                                                                               |                                                                                                                                             |                                                                       |                                                                                                  |                                                                                                          |  |          |                                          |
| 9                                                                                                                                                       | 10 | 11                                                                                                                                        | Veteran's Day |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 12           | 13                                                                                                                                                                    | 8AM News & Notes <u>Deadline</u><br>Circuit Meeting at HC<br>9AM-3pm American Red<br>Cross Blood Drive<br>6:30pm 20s&30s&40s<br>Bible Class |                                                                       | 14                                                                                               | KOINONIA DEADLINE<br>8:30AM LG Setup<br>10AM Ladies Guild<br>5:30-9PM Youth Nerf<br>Night 6th Grade & Up |  | 15       | 3pm Holy Communion<br>4:30-6:30pm BASICS |
| 8AM Holy Communion<br>9:30AM Education Hour<br>9:30am Ushers' Meeting<br>10:45AM Holy Communion<br>3pm Fall Hymn Festival                               |    | 9:30 AM TOPS<br>11AM Line Dancing<br>6pm Council Boards<br>6:30pm Bell Choir<br>7:30pm Council Meeting                                    |               | 10AM Women's Bible Study<br>12:30pm Staff Meetings<br>6pm Grace Guild (gym)<br>6:30pm Adult Bible Class<br>6:30pm Altar Guild (WC)                                                                                                 |              | 6:30AM Men's Breakfast<br>9:30AM Adult Bible Class<br>6pm Beginning Belis<br>6pm Children's Choir<br>6:30pm Midweek, Confirmation<br>6:30pm LYF<br>6:45pm Adult Choir |                                                                                                                                             |                                                                       |                                                                                                  |                                                                                                          |  |          |                                          |
| 16                                                                                                                                                      | 17 | 18                                                                                                                                        | 19            | 20                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 21           | 22                                                                                                                                                                    | 11AM Private Event<br>(gym)<br><br>3pm Worship Service                                                                                      |                                                                       |                                                                                                  |                                                                                                          |  |          |                                          |
| 8 AM Holy Communion<br>9:30AM Education Hour<br>9:30AM MdTcher Training<br>10:45AM Holy Communion<br>NOON New Member<br>Luncheon                        |    | 9:30 AM TOPS (Rm1-2)<br>11PM Line Dancing<br>6:30pm Bell Choir                                                                            |               | 9AM Quilting<br>9AM Preschool Chapel<br>10AM Women's Bible Study<br>12:30pm Staff Meetings<br>6pm Education & Youth Bds.                                                                                                           |              | 9AM Preschool Chapel<br>9:30AM Adult Bible Class<br>6pm Beginning Belis<br>6pm Children's Choir<br>6:30pm Midweek, Confirmation<br>6:30pm LYF<br>6:45pm Adult Choir   |                                                                                                                                             | 8AM News & Notes <u>Deadline</u><br>6:30pm 20s&30s&40s<br>Bible Class |                                                                                                  |                                                                                                          |  |          |                                          |
| 23                                                                                                                                                      | 24 | 25                                                                                                                                        | 26            | 27                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Thanksgiving |                                                                                                                                                                       | 28                                                                                                                                          | 29                                                                    | 9AM Church Christmas<br>Decorating<br><br>3pm Service of Prayer &<br>Preaching<br>(no communion) |                                                                                                          |  |          |                                          |
| 8AM Holy Communion<br>9:30AM Education Hour<br>10:45AM Holy Communion<br>NOON Voters' Meeting                                                           |    | KOINONIA MAILING<br><i>Preschool Thanksgiving<br/>Celebrations Classrooms</i><br>9:30AM TOPS<br>11AM Line Dancing<br>6:30pm Bell Choir    |               | 8AM News & Notes <u>Deadline</u><br><i>Preschool Thanksgiving<br/>Celebrations Classrooms</i><br>9AM Preschool Chapel<br>10AM Women's Bible Study<br>12:30pm Staff Meeting<br>6:30pm Adult Bible Class<br>6pm FZN Jingle Bell 5K — |              | No Preschool Thanksgiving Break<br>9:30AM Adult Bible Class<br>11AM Thanksgiving Eve HC<br>7pm Thanksgiving Eve HC                                                    |                                                                                                                                             | Thanksgiving Break<br>Preschool Closed<br>Church Office Closed        |                                                                                                  |                                                                                                          |  |          |                                          |
| 30                                                                                                                                                      | 1  | 2                                                                                                                                         | 3             | 4                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 5            | 6                                                                                                                                                                     | 3pm Family Christmas Ser-<br>vice<br>4pm Dinner                                                                                             |                                                                       |                                                                                                  |                                                                                                          |  |          |                                          |
| FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT<br>8AM Matins<br>9:30AM Education Hour<br>10:45AM Matins                                                                         |    |                                                                                                                                           |               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |              |                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                             |                                                                       |                                                                                                  |                                                                                                          |  |          |                                          |
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| Preschool gym times                                                                                                                                     |    | 9:3AM Preschool 4's Gym                                                                                                                   |               | 9:3AM Preschool 4's Gym                                                                                                                                                                                                            |              | 9AM Preschool Chapel                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                             | 9:10AM Preschool Gym Time                                             |                                                                                                  | 9:30AM 4's Recess                                                                                        |  |          |                                          |

# November 2025 Celebrations

*The LORD will be with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9*

## November Birthdays

- 1: John Estill, Michelle Kincaid
- 2: Kayleigh Hardebeck, Pat Schindler
- 3: Brian Belter, Matthew Claxton, Harry Gasaway, Jan Hummel, Mike Kahler, Kevin Martens, Nathan Temple
- 4: Madeline Alton, Kent Haffer, Doris Hewkin, Laura Irvin, Rob Paoletti
- 5: Jenny Conrad, Peter Laufer, Danielle Mizel
- 6: **Andy Gimbel**, Lydia Smith
- 7: Emily Kahler
- 8: Mickey Cannon
- 9: Carol Crafton, Craig DeMent, Daniel Hevey, Bob Knehans, John Poindexter, Winnie Thornton (90)
- 10: Shirley Amos, Eva Dafler, Jan Flentke
- 11: Lincoln Chinnici, Alyssa Parks
- 12: Paul Frerichs
- 13: Grace Randazzo, Bernice Sutliff, Anya Ziolk
- 15: Lisa Aston, Braylyn Stephens, Roger Trost
- 16: Greg Emerick, Karen Heckman, Austin James, Riley May, Matthew McKinney, Alex Morrison, Gary Schuler, Skylar Spearman
- 19: Cadence Reed
- 20: Doris Coots, Camden Kreyling, Alexander Schlereth
- 21: Michael Buhlinger
- 23: Sandra Kohrs, Rick Wisa, Beverly Wade
- 24: Peggy Jean Kuerschner
- 25: Jacob Reed
- 27: Renea Erickson, Drew Linn
- 29: Jacob Cooper, Deb Heim, Joy Wisa
- 30: Holly Kamer, Dan Spearman, Joyce Trost

## November Wedding Anniversaries

- 3: Rich & Pat Schindler (63)
- 5: Sherry & Robert Piazza (37)
- 6: Terry & Sue McCann (60)
- 7: Rob & Dee Paoletti (39)
- 9: Tim & Rachel Laufer (6)  
Mick & Nancy Thoene (40)
- 11: Bryan & Kaitlyn Meyer (2)
- 12: Mark & Kathy Losch (31)
- 13: Rachel & Tom Bauer (33)
- 17: Paul & Jen Brown (16)  
Steven & Pamela Schweitzer (47)
- 18: William & Alice Wichern (64)
- 20: Scott & Susan Bollinger (32)
- 22: Terry & Carleen Hardy (56)  
Don & Nancy Tabor (37)
- 23: Veigh & Tricia Hogan (23)
- 27: Chris & Karen Gaglio (33)
- 28: Dave & Deb Heim (10)

## November Baptism Anniversaries

- 1: Paul Bertram, Michelle Bettendur, John Estill, Linda Ledford, Don Wischmeyer
- 2: Elaine Alton, Dominic Chinnici, Clay Jones, DJ Spearman, David Sutliff, Alex Wiese
- 3: Maxine Salarano
- 4: Shawn Duncan, Austin James, Shirley Mercurio
- 5: Rick Wiese III
- 6: Clint Morrison, Ben Piazza
- 7: Savannah Berjer, Margie Biegner, Jeanette Stewart
- 8: Alexis Taylor
- 9: Alexander Eaton, Mickey Cannon, Teegan Cannon
- 11: Nathan Temple
- 13: Amanda Saale, Mary Sawall
- 14: Owen Gooding, Raymond Karl II, Peter Laufer, Albert Marhanka, Darren Marhanka
- 20: Jacob Hardenbeck, Homer Langley, Kevin Rheinecker
- 24: Mark Hoemann, Ren Koepke, Warner Macke, Drew Miget
- 25: Madeline Alton, Andy Gimbel
- 26: Claire Ulrich
- 27: Joan Darling, Jesse Estill
- 28: Grant Jennings
- 29: Grace Randazzo
- 30: Rachel Tichich

## ALL SAINTS DAY — 2025

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THOMAS GALLAGHER  
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ALDEN HERMAN  
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### GROW YOUR FAITH THROUGH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

**Preschool** (weekdays) for 3s & 4s. Extended Care available.

**Sunday School** for ages 3 through High School —Sundays, 9:30AM  
and **Little Lambs** (under 3s with a parent)

**Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class:** 9:30AM in the GYM

**BASICS:** For those who want to join the Lutheran Church:  
Nov. 8 & 15, 4:30PM –6:30PM, Rm 1&2

**TLC (Transfer for Lutherans Class): Oct. 26, 9:30AM (Rm 1&2)**  
*Call the office for next dates.*

**Women's Bible Study:** Tuesdays at 10AM, RMS 1&2

**Adult Bible Class:** 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 6:30PM, RMS 1&2

**Men's Breakfast & Bible Study:** November 12, 6:30AM

**Adult Bible Class:** Wednesdays at 9:30 AM, GYM

**Confirmation (grades 6-8); MidWeek Classes (grades PreK-5)**  
— see Wednesday night schedule

**High School** Wednesdays, see calendar

**20s & 30s Bible Study:** Thursdays, 6:30PM, Rm 1&2